

Fr. Louis J. Hohman



The Open Window

Painful Change

Father Hohman,

There's a lot of things I don't like today in the Church, I don't like the peace thing, I think it distracts from God. We come to Mass to honor God, not to look at people. Some sneeze in their hands and then want to shake your hands. I was taught to come from Communion with the head down. Now they come chewing the Host like it was

a wad of gum, looking around grinning at their friends. Everyone goes to Communion. I see very few going to Confession. We have a nun for an assistant, and the priest kisses her on each cheek at the peace thing. I don't think this looks good. Our priest doesn't want anyone to be critical of him. He said at Mass once he didn't think one priest should be critical of another. For a while he had girl altar servers. When I was young I always respected a priest. I don't today.

No matter what we don't like, the Catholic Church is still the true Church and I would never (God willing) want to leave it.

(Signed) MM

Dear M.M.,

Your last paragraph tells me that you are a loyal member of the family that we call the Church and love it very dearly. I think this is a very important sign. You obviously are annoyed at members of the family for various things they do or don't do; and this becomes a source of grief to you. There are several ways of meeting that problem. One of the ways is to accept the annoyance as a necessary part of life as it is in one's own family and neighborhood. Another way is to reach out to these people and ask them why they do these various things and to try to understand — and to help them understand how you feel. Maybe that's what you're doing in this letter but I am sure it cannot be in this abstract way but must be person to person. The only regret that I have about your letter is that you say you don't respect priests today. Frankly, I don't think you really meant that. I think you're saying you don't like many of the changes they have brought about and that they are doing things you see as counter to everything you were taught and believe. But I hope you can respect them as men who in almost every instance are loyal sons of the Church who have given their lives and who want to do their very best as they see it to bring the light of Christ to people in the world. If you can't do anything else, at least pray for them. God bless you.

Deaths

J. M. Cassetti

A Mass of Christian Burial has been celebrated at St. Cecilia's Church for Joseph M. Cassetti who died Sept. 24, 1980.

Mr. Cassetti, a veteran of World War II, is survived by his wife Josephine; a son and daughter-in-law, Joseph and Judith; a daughter and son-in-law, Patricia and Anthony Caputo; six grandchildren; two brothers, Judge Alphonse Cassetti and Thomas of California; a sister, Mrs. Margaret Arieno; a sister-in-law, Pattie Chiappone, and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Mr. Cassetti was affiliated with a variety of businesses, the most recent insurance, but



MR. CASSETTI

associates say of him. "His real business was friendship."

Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Albert T. Frank

A concelebrated Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Oct. 10 for Albert T. Frank who died, at the age of 89, on Oct. 7, 1980.

Msgr. Emmett J. Murphy was principal celebrant of the Mass at Holy Apostles Church. He was assisted by Father Elmer W. Heindl, Father Austin B. Hanna, Father Walter Cushing, and Father P. Frederick Helfrich.

From 1925 to 1954, Mr. Frank was co-owner of the Klem and Frank Service

Station on West Ave. He was widely known for his gardening abilities.

He is survived by his wife Margaret J. Statt Frank; one son, Albert G. Frank; and grandchildren, Sister Margaret Frank, SSJ; Mrs. Eduardo (Kathleen) Casas, Mrs. Raymond (Sheila) Turpyn, Mrs. Alberta Frank, Daniel and Jacqueline Alling, Mrs. Lawrence (Kathleen) Nichols, and great grandchildren and nephews.

Barbershop Songs Nov. 14

Barbershop harmony will once again ring out as the Monroe County West Chapter of the SPEBSQSA presents its annual show at 8 p.m., Friday, Nov. 14, at the Brockport Central High School auditorium.

The first half of the show will present The Chorus of the Erie Canal and guest quartets. The next segment will feature a quartet parade headlined by the internationally acclaimed "Empire Express."

Clothing Drive Begins

Across the diocese this month Catholics are going through their closets in search of clothing they wish to donate to the 30th annual Thanksgiving Clothing Collection; authorized here by Bishop Matthew H. Clark.

The collection, a national project of Catholic Relief Services under the direction Bishop Edwin B. Broderick, is headed here by M. Lourdes Perez-Albuerne diocesan CRS director.

In a letter to pastors last month, Ms. Perez-Albuerne suggested that parishes take up the clothing collection the week prior to Thanksgiving Week, the traditional time for the nationwide effort.

She also asked pastors to "consider keeping out some of the heavy clothing to be used in this area;" and provided them with a list of local agencies in need of winter garb.

In the course of its history, the clothing drive has collected 460 million pounds of new and used goods. The clothes are distributed in Africa, Asia, Latin America, the Caribbean and Near East during disasters and emergencies as part of Clothing-for-Work community development programs, a CRS news release stated.

Divorced Catholics

The St. Charles Divorced Catholics Group will have two speakers at its meeting beginning at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 2 at St. Charles School Library, 3003 Dewey Ave.

Father Thomas Bales will speak on "Men Hurt, Too" and Sister Alice Cooney will lead the women in a discussion of "Handling Crisis."

Balloon Release To Highlight ME Weekend Nov. 8-9

"The biggest love hug the diocese has ever witnessed."

That is what sponsors of the Marriage Encounter weekend Nov. 8 and 9 are saying about the planned giant hug and release of balloons containing love notes to the community which will take place Sunday.

Children of ME couples will take part in the balloon release on the second day of the weekend which will conclude with a Mass celebrated by Bishop Matthew H. Clark about 4:30 p.m.

The convention program

opens at 9:30 a.m. Saturday and is scheduled that day by 5:30 p.m. The first day is planned for couples and Religious.

Sunday's program will begin at noon and is designed for the entire family.

All couples, priests and Religious are invited. Further information is available from Tom and Rita Lindsey at (716) 223-3815. Homes are available for anyone needing overnight accommodations by contacting Pete and Rosemarie Thummler at (716) 482-8433.

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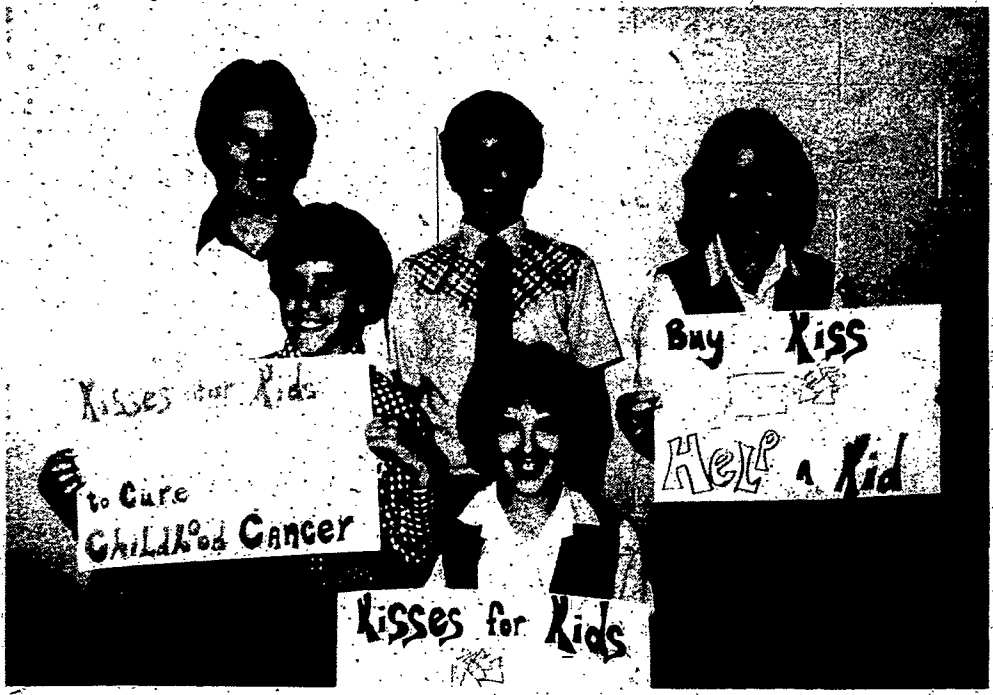
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Kisses
Sister Diane Dennie (left), principal of St. Lawrence School, poses with pupils (left to right) Joe DiBatisto, Dave Wohlrab, Tricia Ryan, and Kathy Gilbert. The children participated in the "Kisses for Kids" campaign of the Childhood Cancer Association over the Halloween weekend. Tricia Ryan designed the posters.

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