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Waiting

Fr. Louis J.

Hohman

awaits the new flowering of its tree.

Photo by John Dash A lone crabapple, the final remnant of last Spring's bloom and Summer's ripening,

Bikers, Hikers **To Combat** Arthritis

The Nazareth College Circle K Club (college Kiwanis) is sponsoring a Hike-**Bike** for the Arthritis Foundation from 10 a.m. to noon, April 11 at the 10-mile Flat Canal Path, to begin and end at Nazareth College, Shults Student Union.

The winner will receive a 10-speed bicycle and other prizes will be awarded. Free tee shirts will go to those raising \$25 or more.

Pledge cards are available at the Nazareth College Shults Student Center Information Desk or from the Arthritis Foundation, 973 East Ave. Further iinformation is available at 271-3540, Ext. 16.

K of C 229 Opens **Vocations Fund**

Elmira — Council 229, Knights of Columbus, has announced the establishment of a Vocations Fund to assist local candidates for the priesthood.

Clifford Benedict, who proposed the project to the council, explained that they are now seeking donations to the fund so they will be able to assist seminarians who need financial support.

The project came about following a request by a local seminarian for assistance with traveling expenses, Benedict said. The council is increasing the cost of its newsletter sponsorships as part of the project, with the proceeds being placed in the Vocations Fund. The council may consider other fund-raising projects in the future, he added.

When the fund is large eñough to begin disburse-ments, Benedict expects that it will act upon application of seminarians, and be allocated based on their financial need.

There will be no administrative expenses connected with the fund, he stated, and all donations will be tax deductible. Donations may be sent to the council at 701 Kinyon St., Elmira, N.Y. 14904.

Celebrate Life Schedules Shows

Horseheads — Celebrate Life's annual production of "Godspell" will be performed in several locations over the coming weeks.

Celebrate Life, the teen-age singing group which practices at St. Mary Our Mother Parish, has presented its "Godspell" production to many audiences during the past several years. Its first show this season was last weekend in Chili.

The group, directed by Ray Defendorf, will present the musical twice on Palm

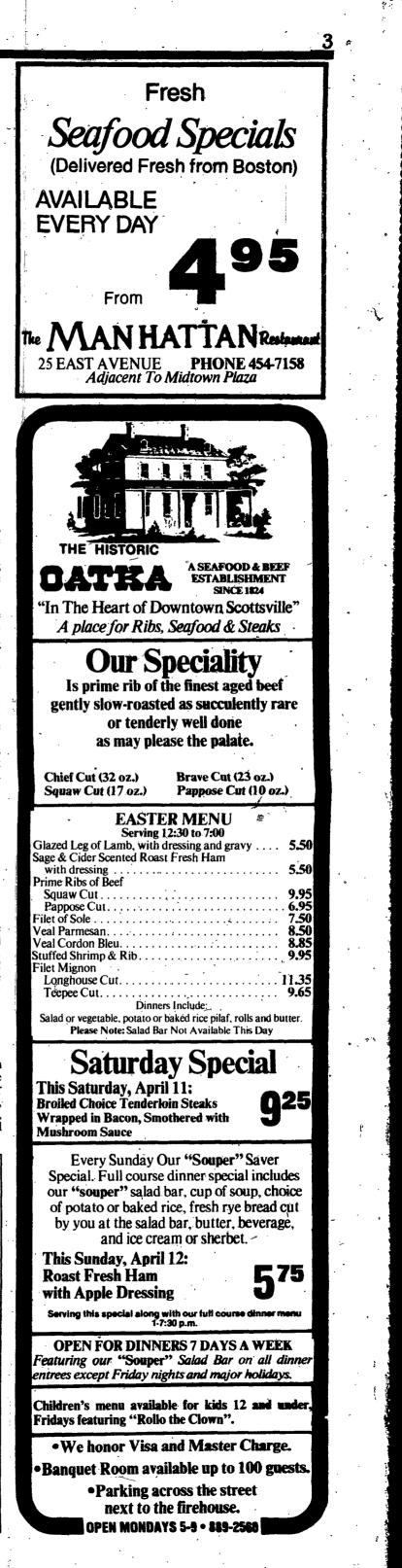
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Elmira, and at 8 p.m. at St. Patrick's, Corning.

A performance will be given at 3 p.m., Sunday April 26, at Park United Methodist Church, Hornell. The final scheduled showing will be Saturday, May 2, at Holy Trinity Parish, Webster.

MOONEY MUSICAL

Cardinal Mooney High School will present George Bernard Shaw's "My Fair Lady" at 8 p.m. on Friday, May 1 and Saturday, May 2,



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adoptive sonship of God.

Rom. 8:15-17.

2:5-11.

15:12.

6. We must accept Christ

obediently, unselfishly,

lovingly accepting His will

which is the will of the

Father. Heb. 9:11-15; Phil.

7. This acceptance, itself

prompted and made possible

by God's grace (gift), is

necessary for each of us in

proportion to our lights and

8. By this acceptance, we enter into Christ's

"everlasting covenant." We

pledge ourselves to love, His

kind of love. Lk. 22:20; Jn.

9. We receive this power

by coming into contact with

Jesus through Sacraments,

Scripture, prayer and other people. Rom. 8:26-27.

10. It is also the constant

teaching of the Church that

God wills the salvation of all

people, and so even those

who have never heard of

Christ nor come into contact

with Him in a meaningful

way will be saved through

His saving power in ways

known only to God. Rom.

opportunity. Jn. 15:5-17.

Saviour by humbly,

How Is **A Person** 'Saved'?

Dear Father Hohman,

The Open Window

To clarify the salvation question raised in recent articles in the Courier-Journal, would you please state in your column the teaching of the Roman Catholic Church concerning how a person gains eternal life or is "saved?"

I would appreciate specifics, including the Church's reasons for its position, whether scriptural. traditional or otherwise.

(signed) AG

Dear AG,

I cannot, of course, present in several hundred words the whole doctrine of salvation, but these are the basic statements (with some references):

1. From our origins, the human race has been cutting itself off from God by sin. Pride and selfishness were imbedded in human nature. Rom. 8:5-13,

2. God's love is un-

we cannot write here.

11:32.

wavering. He always has and always will wish to share His life with us. God's actions toward bringing us back to Himself is called salvation history. (Through the Old Testament to Jesus and from Jesus until now.) Rom. 8:28.

3. Sin, individual and social, had become deep and rampant when Jesus Christ, Son of God, came to overcome the power of sin and fill us with His saving. power and presence. John 10:10; Mt. 20:28.

4. Jesus opened himself totally to the Father, responded perfectly to His will and so broke the barriers of sin and death. John 5:30; Phil. 2:5-11.

5. Jesus saved us by His death and resurrection. Rom. 5:25. By dying Jesus made up for our sins. Rom 6:4-11. By rising to new life, Jesus obtained for us an

