

New Look in Old Jerusalem

The arch of historic Ramban Synagogue stands against a filtered sky in Jerusalem's Old City, as if issuing a call to worship. The temple is located in the reconstructed Jewish quarter. (RNS)

Fr. Louis J. Hohman



The Open Window

The Church Has Room

Dear Father Hohman,

In response to your "Open Window," 3/18/81, may our dear Lord bless you for your truthfulness and as a result of "hitting the nail on the head."

A few years ago I read an article giving the results of a survey of why people stopped going to church. The largest number credited their "unchurched" status to the hypocrites in the Church. They couldn't take them anymore. How well I can understand their loss.

Our Church is so divided by "specialist groups" that it would be impossible to keep going to Mass if it weren't for the recognizable Consecration giving us the precious Body and Blood of Our Lord.

You have the charismatics who try to lead you to believe they know all the answers and are the only ones who do. The different ministries make each group "better than the rest."

Added to all the "been around for a while" groups we now have "the Renewal Weekend." Interesting these elite groups shower their enthusiasm and LOVE?? on each other and continue to be brutal to the outsiders.

(Signed) RN

Dear RN,

There are certain things I must share with you even

Naples Plans Arts Fest

Naples — The third annual Naples Art and Music Festival has been slated for Sept. 19, and 20 on the grounds of the Naples Memorial Town Hall.

Maureen Abraham is directing the art display, and Scott Kickbush and Judy Bennett are directing the musical events.

though they are not as complimentary as your opening paragraph to me.

First, I think people who leave the Church because of the hypocrites do not understand what Church means. For them the Church is composed of people who are already saints and therefore have the right to associate with one another and to associate with God. That is not the idea of Church at all.

The Church of Jesus Christ is composed of struggling sinners who are eager to support one another and to find in the saving power of the Lord what is needed to overcome their wretchedness and sinfulness. I venture to say from 35 years experience that if there is a tenth of one percent real hypocrites in the Church, I would be greatly surprised.

Now as to your problem with "specialist groups." It is extremely important especially today to recognize the difference between unity and uniformity. Many people seem to think that unity consists in uniformity. Unity, however, means the ability and the desire and the love which enables people who aren't very different to come together and be one with the Lord. In other words, we don't have to be the same to be united. I don't know whether you are aware of it or not but for all of these hundreds of years there have been at least 11 different rites in the Church, which means substantial differences in ways of worship and discipline. But we are still united in the Lord Jesus Christ under the leadership of the Holy Father. The one way you can discern that the Holy Spirit is not with any particular group is that that group tends to separate itself from the rest, or refuses to recognize the diversity of the others.

We don't need sameness — we need oneness. Sorry I had to disagree with you, but I hope you will take it in the spirit in which it is presented. Thank you for your kind letter.



Celebrity

Donna Dedee, daughter of Harry and Joyce DeDee of Irondequoit and a spring graduate from Bishop Kearney High School, will be a featured celebrity at the Muscular Dystrophy Skatathon in Irondequoit August 4, and has been asked to be a part of the March of Dimes Celebrity Cookout, slated for Sept. 26.

Dinner to Fete Anton Kolbeck

Anton (Tony) Kolbeck has retired after 47 years as bartender at the Hof Brau Haus and will be honored at an appreciation dinner Saturday, Aug. 1, at that restaurant.

Reputed to be the oldest working bartender in Western New York, Kolbeck will be 78 in November. Tickets are \$15 and the dinner will be limited to 150. Further information is available from the restaurant.

Business in Diocese

John W. Stehler of Greece, a member of St. John the Evangelist parish, has joined Wolff Associates as a staff accountant. He formerly was senior assistant manager of Household Finance Corp. Wolff is a full-service advertising, marketing and public relations agency.

Peter C. Carpio has been accredited by the Public Relations Society of America. He is communications director with United Way of Greater Rochester.

Accreditation follows successful completion of written and oral examinations. Candidates must have at least five years of professional practice before they qualify for the examination.

Special Camp For Diabetics Now in Session

Forty-three area youngsters are attending a special 10-day residential camp session for diabetic children.

It is the first summer camp program in the area specially designed to meet the needs of young diabetics. The program is under the joint sponsorship of Rochester Rotary Service Foundation and the American Diabetes Association.

In addition to standard camping fare, youngsters are taught such subjects as insulin injection, the importance of good nutrition and exercise.

Full Gospel Schedules Convention

Ten Rochester Area Chapters of the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International will hold their Fifth Annual Convention at the Genesee Plaza Holiday Inn, August 12-15.

Sponsoring the event are fellowship chapters in Rochester, Greece, Gates-Chili, Henrietta, Batavia, Canandaigua, Palmyra, Seneca Falls-Waterloo, and Genesee.

The interdenominational fellowship is not a church, but aims at building up men for service in their local churches.

Guest speakers for the convention include Major General Jerry R. Curry, deputy assistant Secretary of Defense for public affairs; Dr. Paul Walker, noted author and pastor of Mt. Paran Church in Atlanta, Ga.; and Gerald Derstine, internationally known conference speaker and author. Convention registration opens at 2:30 p.m. Aug. 12.

Tuite Regains NAIA Honors

For the second consecutive year, St. John Fisher College tennis player Bob Tuite has been named to the NAIA All-America Second Team.

Tuite, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tuite of Penfield, graduated this year from Fisher with a 3.9 overall grade point average in biology. In his Fisher days, Tuite accumulated a 50-15 singles record and a 22-10 doubles record.

Guidelines

The Courier-Journal welcomes your opinions. Letters must bear the writer's signature, full address and telephone number. They should be sent to Opinion, Courier-Journal, 114 S. Union St., Rochester, N.Y. 14607.

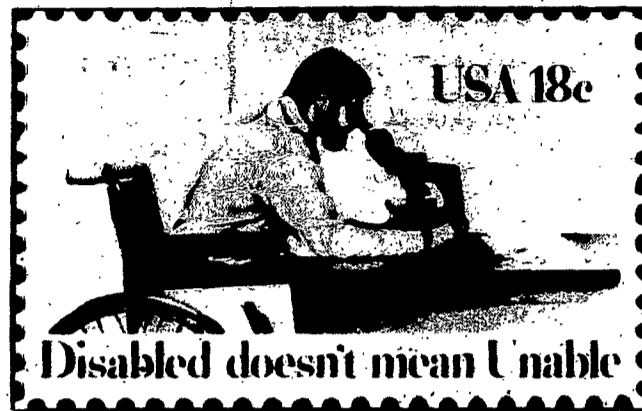
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We routinely condense letters, edit offensive words and libelous statements, and reserve the right to reject letters. Generally speaking, however, only limited grammatical corrections will be made and the letters will reflect the writer's own style.

Because submitted opinions exceed the space for letters, we publish only original letters addressed to us. We will not use poetry, open letters, or copies of letters sent elsewhere. To ensure diversity, we limit each writer to one letter per month.

Pontiff's Column

As Pope John Paul II convalesces this summer, and refrains from pursuing his ordinarily rigorous schedule of addresses, the Courier-Journal will temporarily suspend its practice of publishing excerpts from his talks.



Stamp with a Message

This postage stamp dedicated to the International Year of the Disabled Person was designed by artist Martha Perske of Darien, Conn., whose illustrations in various books have won her wide acclaim. In preparation for the stamp project, Ms. Perske conducted a series of nationwide interviews with disabled people and the professionals who help them. From this contact, she arrived at the theme for the stamp design, "Disabled doesn't mean Unable." (RNS)

Church Featured At Anthony Fest

Sister Virginia McGlynn, SSND, and Lucy Lippa will staff a booth from St. Peter and Paul Church at the Susan B. Anthony Preservation District Festival, Aug. 1 and 2.

baked goods, arts and crafts and a white elephant table.

Other festival events include an auction of antiques, old house parts, and a house and garden tour.

Live entertainment will be featured both days.

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