

# Gray Panthers Founder To Speak Here Nov. 4-6

Geneseo — Maggie Kuhn, perhaps the nation's best known advocate for the rightful place of senior citizens in society, and the national convener of the Gray Panthers, has been engaged by the Livingston County Council of

Churches to address a series of forums Nov. 4-6.

Ms. Kuhn will address both church groups and the general public on a variety of topics of concern to "The Elders of the Tribe," her term for senior citizens.

Events open to the general public on her area tour include a reception at 4 p.m., Nov. 4, Women's Center, Blake A Building, Room 203, SUNY; a talk, "Aging: a Challenge to the Churches," 7 p.m., Nov. 4, Geneseo United Methodist Church, Route 63; a talk, "Seven Roles for the Elders of the Tribe," 9:30 a.m., Nov. 5, Interfaith Center, SUNY; an open forum, 1 p.m., Nov. 5, College Union Hunt Room, SUNY; lecture, "It Happens to All of Us," 7:30 p.m., Nov. 5, Geneseo High School Auditorium; a talk, "A Message from a Functioning Geriatric," 12:30 p.m., Nov. 6, Whipple Auditorium, University of Rochester.



MAGGIE KUHN

Ms. Kuhn, 76, founded the 10,000-member activist group, Gray Panthers, dedicated to promoting a positive attitude toward aging, to expose inequities and injustices based on age, and to alter social policies which reinforce negative stereotypes of aging, among its goals.



## Back When

Our Lady of Mercy High School's Parents Association is presenting its first annual "Family 50s Dance" from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 30, in the school gym. Music will be provided by Dan Guilfoyle of WYOR radio. Tickets are \$2 for adults and \$1 for students. Coordinating the event are Joan Blair (Our Lady of Lourdes Parish) and Pat LaPlaca (St. Ambrose Parish).

## Father Dowd Slated For Charismatic Mass

Father Louis Dowd, SJ, the Rochester missionary in Taiwan who was ordained to the priesthood while interred in a prisoner of war camp in Shanghai during World War II, will celebrate a charismatic Mass 7:30 p.m., tonight, Oct. 28, at Blessed Sacrament Church.

Father Dowd, a Jesuit, is chief of a mission for young people in Hsinchu and is celebrating this year his 50th anniversary of entry into his order.

Father Dowd, in addition, is a strong promoter of the charismatic movement and most recently has attended the

international leaders' meeting with Pope John Paul II.

Following the Mass, refreshments will be served.

## AOH Elects Officers

The Monroe County Ancient Order of Hibernians elected the following to two-year terms:

James McDonnell of Greece, president; Francis McDonough of Rochester, vice president; John Boyd of Webster, secretary; Richard Mullaney of North Chili, secretary, and Edward Throne of Henrietta, treasurer.

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## Fr. Albert Shamon



Word for Sunday

## Obsessed By Goodness And by God

Sunday's Readings: (R3) Mt. 5:1-12, (R1) Rv. 7:2-4, 9-14, (R2) Jn. 3:1-3.

How often we have heard the expression, "Of course, I'm no saint, but..." To most of us the very word "saint" suggests something or someone remote from human experience.

To counter such an error is why the Church has a feast of All Saints. All Saints — that is, all who have never been formally acknowledged as saints: the "144,000" (12 times 12 times 1,000) which symbolizes perfection and fullness, the 12 tribes of Israel multiplied indefinitely. Those destined to be sainted are "a huge crowd which no one could count from every nation and race and people and tongue." (R1) Holiness is possible in every human situation, for every person regardless of race, nation or sex.

Usually, the best people don't necessarily get to be canonized saints. Only a certain few persons are chosen — 20,000 over 20 centuries — because the Church has a particular need for a special virtue to be exemplified. For instance, two of the great needs of the 20th century are chastity and a reaffirmation of Catholic school education. So who does the Church canonize but Maria Goretti, martyr of chastity, and Elizabeth Anne Seton and Bishop Neumann, champions of Catholic schools.

Graham Greene has one of the characters of his novels say, "Becoming a saint is the only thing that really matters, in this world or the next." Anton Peguy said, "There is only one

tragedy in life: the tragedy of not becoming a saint."

Most of us would stand a pretty good chance of becoming saints if it were not for our neighbors. And yet nothing is clearer than this that sanctity is loving God in our neighbor.

A saint must possess at least these six things: (1) a transforming experience of Christ, not unlike that of Paul's on the road to Damascus; (2) a passion to pass it on; (3) an unbreakable love of the Church and its head, the Vicar of Christ; (4) a love of people not dependent on being loved or liked or flattered — a love not in terms of feeling, but of unbreakable will and high desire; (5) an inward security of peace, not dependent on things but on God's will; and (6) a deep sense of joy or beatitude not dependent on being happy.

Our Lord described a saint in the beatitudes (R3). The beatitudes are not exhortations, but attitudes, a description of lifestyle impossible, humanly speaking, of attainment. For saints are the works of God; they are the masterpieces of the Holy Spirit energizing the seven gifts given to all the baptized.

Mother Teresa of Calcutta is a contemporary model of a saint as drawn by Matthew's beatitudes. The worldly find happiness in fashionable restaurants, elegant clothing, spectator sports, travel — in a word, in consumerism. Mother Teresa finds happiness and holiness simply in serving others, in giving herself, for the sake of the kingdom of God.

As Michaelangelo was obsessed by line and form, as Shakespeare was bewitched by language, Beethoven by sound, so saints are persons obsessed by goodness and by God.

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