



### Colorful Benefit

Hoshi, a Japanese artist, used brilliant reds, oranges and yellows as well as liberal touches of gold leaf in the making of this graphic, one of the 20th Century Japanese Collection to be shown at the Rochester General Hospital Art Show and Sale, Oct. 1-3, at the Eisenhart Auditorium.

Fr. John Reedy



Looking for the Lord

### Criticism That Hurts

A couple of weeks ago, within two days, I received letters accusing me of (a) being a heretic, (b) being a communist dupe, and (c) being sympathetic to the brutal tactics of British forces in Northern Ireland.

Oh yes, at the same time there was a column published by my bishop disagreeing with one of my earlier comments.

If you tend to be sensitive about criticism, this kind of work can contribute to your paranoia.

Generally I am not offended or depressed by such criticisms. My opinions and observations are hung out there in public. I assume that other people, including my bishop, have every right to express their judgment on the wisdom, the logic, the orthodoxy of what I have written.

The more painful kind of criticism comes when I occasionally review the stack of blue, loose-leaf binders which contain the columns I have published over the years.

Such a quick reading gives me an unusual perspective on the person I am — like a snapshot someone has taken of me from an unusual angle or when I was unaware of the camera.

These reviews reveal my thinking as too institutional, too ponderous, too preoccupied with giving the pope and the president advice on how they should be doing their jobs. It leaves me wondering, how could I have been so wrought up about that, or how could I have been so wrong on that.

But the most painful judgment of all comes when a series of columns leaves me with the realization: "Lord! You were coming through as a bore!"

What I would like to find is a perspective, which reveals concern, honesty, faith ... and some sense of humor regarding myself and my generation.

It simply would not be a Christian perspective if it did not contain a concern for

the pain and suffering which are thrust into our vision by the headlines and the evening news reports. There are other things in life, but a Christian must be concerned.

I have a deep dread of dishonesty, of becoming a public fraud — expressing one set of values and judgments in private and a different set in print where they will be judged by people in authority and by those whose favorable judgment is important to me.

On the whole, I don't worry too much about the adverse reaction of church officials. I try to avoid personal attacks; I try to be responsible and accurate; and I try to weigh serious criticism. But I am not going to panic just because a complaint comes on an impressive letterhead from an ecclesiastical office or from a corporate executive.

Most of all, I hope my comments and observations reveal a pervasive perspective of faith. Years ago, a friend remarked, "You probably don't realize how much of yourself you reveal in those weekly columns."

My whole life would be a failure if such a revelation did not show a person for whom God's presence and call is of the utmost importance. I would be a dismal flop — in my life, my writing, or both — if that sense of God's presence and invitation did not come through, as the dominant concern of my life and thought.

## Wedding Jubilee Set Oct. 17

Again this year, couples celebrating silver or golden wedding anniversaries in 1982 will be honored at a special celebration with Bishop Matthew H. Clark, 3 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 17, at St. Mary's Church in Canandaigua.

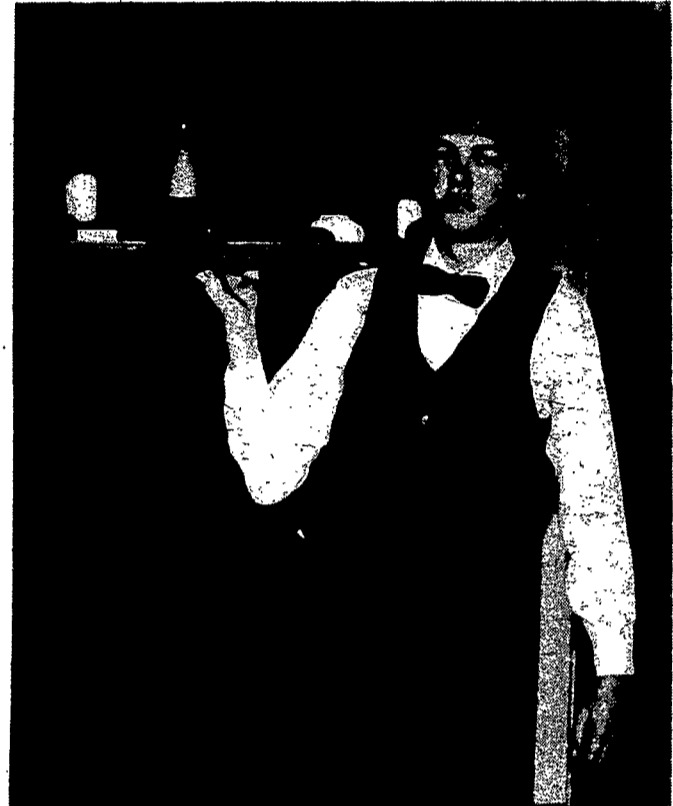
The diocese-wide celebration, which includes a reception, is sponsored by the Family Life Office.

Couples are sent an invitation from the bishop through that office, and

receive a specially inscribed certificate.

The Mass includes a renewal of marriage vows and provides an opportunity for couples to answer the question: "How has your marriage helped you discover the meaning of faith?"

Couples desiring an invitation to the event are asked to notify their parish offices which will then forward the couples' names, anniversary celebrated and addresses to the Family Life Office.



### First Steps

Peter O'Toole, a third-year student at the University of Cork, Ireland, totes a tray down a corridor of the Strathallan Hotel in Rochester. O'Toole is working here this summer as the first person to take advantage of the proposed Sister City arrangement between Cork and Rochester which would eventually include student exchanges.

## Sr. Roberta Is Chapter Delegate

Sister Roberta Tierney, SSND, has been named a delegate to the general chapter of the School Sisters of Notre Dame, meeting in Rome, Italy, from the middle of September to Thanksgiving.

Sister Roberta is director of the diocesan Division of Education. At the general chapter, she will be one of five delegates of the Wilton (Conn.) Province of her congregation. More than 100 School Sisters of Notre Dame from around the world will attend the event.

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# Andrzej Wajda's MAN OF IRON

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