

Fr. Louis J. Hohman



The Open Window

### As Bishops Speak to Large Issues

Dear Father Hohman, For the life of me I cannot understand why bishops and priests, and particularly our bishop, have to get involved in all these political matters such as the rally at the Seneca Army Depot and the Metro Police question. In days gone by, bishops stuck to matters involving the salvation of souls and didn't get themselves (and us) mixed up in all this political turmoil which only gets people angry and upset and doesn't really make any difference in what is happening anyway. Why are they doing it now?

N.M.

Dear N.M.

It is no secret that many people think and feel as you do and I suppose it will always be that way. The Bible is full of incidents in which prophets of the Lord were "sticking their noses" into political affairs and being berated by many because of that. But they kept on proclaiming the truth anyway because they believed with all their hearts that they were called by God to proclaim His message of justice, love and peace in a world of sin.

Our bishops have come to the realization that they cannot simply remain in the sanctuary but must speak forth from the housetops on behalf of justice and peace.

So the first thing to remember is that the bishop, and ours in particular, is acting this way as a matter of conscience and cannot do otherwise. Another thing to remember is that Jesus taught us to pray to the Father that His kingdom should come and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven. It goes without saying that the will of God includes justice and love and peace for all human beings. It also involves salvation which is not simply going to heaven but well-being here on earth.

In the case of nuclear arms, the bishops are simply telling us that nuclear war is immoral no matter who uses it; and ways must be devised to rid the earth of nuclear arms. It is applying the principles for a just war as found in classic moral theology.

### Metro Police To Be Topic At St. Charles

Metro Police will be the topic of a pro-con discussion at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 27, at St. Charles Borromeo School, 3003 Dewey Ave.

Speaking for the metropolitan police plan will be Dominic Aquila of the diocesan Justice and Peace Department. Representing the other side will be Don Mozzullo. Sponsored by the parish, the discussion will entertain questions from the audience.

### Anti-Semitism Lecture At Nazareth

Dr. Thomas A. Fabiano, professor of Modern European History, and a prolific writer, will lecture on "Mussolini and the Jews," at 8 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 20, in the Nazareth College Arts Center.

The theme of the lecture sponsored by Casa Italiana, will show the evolution of anti-Semitism in Italy during the Fascist regime.

A reception will follow the event, which is open to the public, free of charge.

### Middle East To Be Topic

Dr. Nabil Kaylani, professor of international relations at the Rochester Institute of Technology, a native of Syria who has lived, traveled and written extensively about the Middle East, will speak on "Unraveling the Lebanese Riddle" at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 20, in the St. John Fisher College library.

Dr. Kaylani received his bachelor's degree from the American University of Beirut, his master and doctorate degrees from Clark University. He spent several weeks last summer visiting Syria and Lebanon, including Beirut.

His speech is sponsored by the Rochester Committee on Middle East Concerns, an organization interested in educating the community on Middle East matters that affect the United States. The public is invited to the speech.

### Deadline

Items intended for publication in At Your Parish must be written and at the Courier-Journal offices; 114 South Union St., Rochester, N.Y. 14607, before noon of Thursday preceding Wednesday publication.

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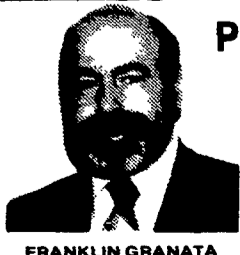
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### Holy Year Celebration

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan greets the Thomas Murphy family from St. Michael's Church in Penn Yan at a diocesan regional Holy Year celebration of prayer for peace at St. Mary's Church, Canandaigua. More than 250 attended the event which combined recitation of the rosary and prayer for peace.

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