

In the basement of the motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Basil at Mount St. Macrina, Pa., Sister Vincentia Horvat stirs a mixture of olive oil, others oils and 31 herbs and spices which go into the chrism oil she makes for several dioceses. The secret mixture is cooked for four hours, two of them at a boil. (NC Photo)

Fr. Albert Shamon



Word for Sunday

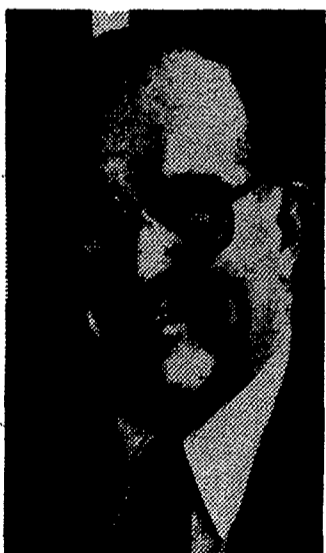
As Easter Week... near there is a festive... of the resurrection... the new clothes... the new spring flowers in the field, the new green grass — all spoke of the newness of life after death, of resurrection. Paul in the Second Reading practically tells us to do this: get rid of the old (yeast) and celebrate the Passover of Christ with what is new. And the wardrobe Paul would have us put on is that of sincerity and truth and a desire for the things above rather than the things of earth.

Driving Course Scheduled For Seniors

A course, "55 Alive -- Mature Driving," will take place from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday and Tuesday, May 7-8, at Pinegrove Senior Citizen Center, 154 Pinegrove Ave., Irondequoit. A half-hour will be provided for lunch at the nutrition center.

Automobile drivers who take the course will receive a certificate from the American Association of Retired Persons which when presented to insurers will result in a 10 percent reduction in liability insurance. Those drivers with points against them will have them three points erased.

The AARP underwrites the program but there is a \$10 fee to defray costs. Anyone interested should contact instructor Armand LaMay at 467-1343 or the Irondequoit Senior Citizen Center at 342-3870. The course is limited to 24.



Commencement Speaker

Rep. Barber B. Conable Jr. will deliver the main address at Nazareth College's 57th annual commencement exercises, Sunday, May 13. Conable also will receive an honorary doctorate of law as some 640 graduates receive their degrees.

Honor Guard

Ithaca — The Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree Color Corps served as the honor guard for the tour of the Pilgrim Virgin Statue, 8-10 p.m., Tuesday, April 24 at Immaculate Conception Church.

Fr. Louis J. Hohman



The Open Window

Why No Crucifix?

Dear Father Hohman, We are in another Holy Week and there's a question I've wanted to ask about Good Friday services. I was surprised (not shocked) last year when it came time for adoration of the cross. It was not a crucifix at all, but rather a bare wooden cross which was presented for our veneration. I was wondering if that was something new in liturgical regulations or whether it was simply an idea of local origin. Why would the change be made? (Signed) L.G.

sentation of a man dead in the electric chair. For early Christians, Christ has risen from the dead and could die no more, therefore the cross as the instrument of our salvation must be an empty cross. Frankly, its use on Good Friday appeals to me. It says to us that Christ has indeed won victory through His cross but that now He is risen. It remains for us to accept the cross, make it our own, and so share in His resurrection and victory.

Therefore when we come to the front of the church to

venerate the cross on Good Friday, we are praising the Lord for His acceptance of the cross and His ultimate victory over sin and death and also joining ourselves to it so that we in our turn might have a share in that same resurrection and victory. In a very real way we are asked to face the challenge, "unless you deny yourself and take up your cross and follow me, you cannot be my disciple."

The obvious reason for the corpus on the cross is to arouse a sense of how much Jesus loved us and how much He gave for our salvation. That is indeed a beautiful sentiment and therefore there is certainly no objection to the use of the crucifix as opposed to the bare cross. I feel that either one would be a viable option and probably up to the particular faith community which is celebrating this liturgy.

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