



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

An Easter Warning

As the Easter season begins, we are reminded of the words of the prophet Isaiah: "The Lord is with you, O Jacob, and he will be with you and will protect you from now on and forevermore. He will be your God and will save you from the hand of all your enemies. He will be your God and will save you from the hand of all your enemies. He will be your God and will save you from the hand of all your enemies."

There are three categories of people who dress to impress. The Dandy — the one who dresses for display or seduction. The Egotist — the one who dresses to attract attention. And the Conventionalist — the one who conforms to the fashion current for one's age, sex and occupation.

However, there is another area where clothing makes a statement and that is in our celebrations. Festive occasions call for new clothes. And a new perspective on a wedding and you'll find that the pattern of the event is all about the clothing.

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There is a festive atmosphere in the air as we begin the Easter season. 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.

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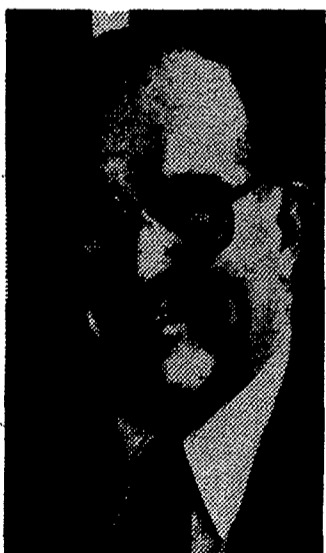
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Driving Course Scheduled For Seniors

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.

Dear L.G.,

First of all, there is no liturgical regulation calling for the bare wooden cross in preference to the crucifix. Therefore the practice is probably of local origin. However, the ancient Church did not know the crucifix, that is, a cross to which a representation of the body of Christ was fixed. The Church venerated the *crux gemmata* — a jeweled cross — which was regarded as an instrument of victory and not of death. It is quite understandable that in the early days of the Church when crucifixion was still a barbaric practice, the representation of a man crucified would be just as repulsive as the repre

Women's Retreat

A women's retreat, "The Good News of Reconciliation — being at peace with the Lord, with yourself, with others," is scheduled the weekends of May 11-13 and June 8-10 at the Notre Dame Retreat House, Canandaigua, N. Y. For information and reservations write P.O. Box 342, Canandaigua, N. Y. 14424 or call (716) 394-5700.

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