Older generation is like Orchestra Hall



moral perspectives

Rev. Charles **Erickson**

My wife and I attended a concert of the Detroit Symphony at Orchestra Hall this past week. It was a memorable evening. The music was beautiful and the hall a per-

music was beautiful and the hall a per-fect setting. It was difficult to believe Orchestra Hall had escaped the demoli-tion ball by the slimmest of margins. A building with such grace and char-acter would surely have been spare, the indignities of abuse and extinction, but the brief historical note was cryp-tic. Orchestra Hall had been stated to be torn down for a fast food place. Conderneed for infirmity, she was doomed to oblivion. A few people disagreed with that judgment and initi-ated the efforts that have made Or-hestra Hall available once again as a

chestra Hall available once again as a most worthy place for the music of the ages.

I SEE THE STORY of Orchestra Hall's restoration as an illustration of how we could reclaim the lost beauty, grace and character of those who have

grown older than what we deem worthwhile.

We call them "the aged" or "the old people." They do not fit into our frenzied life style.

Like "conderneed buildings" that we can tear down without any pangs of guilt because society has deemed it proper and right, so we can treat "old people" or "the aged" with graceless demeanor because society has deemed them useless and nonessential.

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CHANGE THE STATUS from "condemned" to 'groemising" and "the old" and "the aged" to "older" and the consider of the aged to "older" and the complexion and nature of our relationship changes dramatically. "Older people" are human beings like we are — only older.

They have the same capacity for love and hope and the same desires for meaning and service. Taking them out of the category of "the old" or "the aged" and placing them in the time span we claim for ourselves creates a

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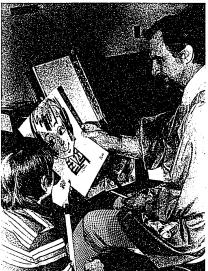
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new perspective of their worth and value.

If we claim only to grow older (and assume to be more valuable because of our experience, wisdom, etc.) then those who are older still should like unique.

Built without benefit of accoustical engineering, it was and remains to this day as accoustically perfect a building as it is possible to construct. They call that an accident of construction. It could not be repeated.

We want people to be people. We like our own individuality and we don't want everyone to be alike. Let Orchestra Hall be the first step in a new style of relationship with life that is not "old" but merely "older.



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Bill Scaop, a caricaturist, will be a top
attraction for the craft
fair planned at
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4 p.m. Saturday, Nov.
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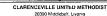
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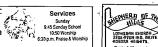






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