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moral perspectives Rev. Charles **Erickson**

Meaningless ritual is too often the case

By the time this column is printed, the Easter lilles will have willed and the Passover foods will have been eat-en. For those to whom either event had meaning life will have returned to its everyday business.

A rather pointed question to any of us who ritualize has to do with the stay-ing power of the impact. What differ-ence do the rituals of only a few week; ago make in life as it is lived this week?

Regardless of our ethnic backgrounds or our religious persuasions, we are, for the most part, great ones for ritualizing. We prepare for them in detail and we perform them precisely. We do it with baptisms and bar mitzvals.

We prepare for months to put together wedding eremondes, even at the price of creating tensions in the very relationship to be celebrated. Weeks of community effort are put forth to prepare for a two-bour Fourth of July parade. Religious communities disease and rehearse for the observance of their high holy days.

their high holy days.

WE PREPARE. We celebrate and we so quickly forget. One might well wonder the purpose of the event. Less than a month ago Christians celebrated the resurrection of their Lord. The Jewish community commemorated the freeing of their fathers from slavery and the promise of a better land.

But where is the impact of such rituals on our business dealings? Does it also nour business dealings? Does it also nour business dealings? Does it have enorthing to do with our attitudes have enorthing to do with our attitudes have enorthing to be recorded to the control of the londy. Will the poor or the londey less londy. Will the ensiaved be more free the victims of bias be more free accepted because we had our rituals?

SOMEHOW it would seem that folks

have a right to ask us those questions. The answers may entail some reprioriting on the part of those who dare to have rituals. But such difficulties to not deep the legitimacy of the questions.

Perhaps some of the difficulty lies in the very nature of ritual to begin with. It can be employed by individuals and communities alike to recall the meaning of beliefs and convictions.

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UNLESS THE preparations and the rituals of our individual lives are found to ring true to who we are one can hardly expect the ceremonics of our worship communities to offer much

hardly expect the ceremonies of our worship communities to offer much more.

When preparing for a wedding ceremony that will last 25 or 30 minutes gets more attenden than building a marriage, one might rightfully question the validity of ceremonies. When baptism and bar mitrah preparations get greater priority than living the faith into which the young person is invited, one is given reason to doubt the wisdom of ritual.

More often than not, however, the problem is not so much in the preparations or even the ritual itself. Rather, we need look no further than ourselves, the people who prepare, perform and forget.

It would be marvelous if non-believers could know the meaning of our rituals by watching the lives we live. Their only alternative is to go to a library and read about what it was supposed to have meant. That is the point at which any ritual has already lost its meaning.



gerontology A. Jolayne Farrell

Good words to live by: Senior citizens creed

Dear Jo:
The following statement of faith and courage is entitled "The Senior Citizens Creed." I do not know who wrote it but I live by it. I hope you will print it.
P.T.

I believe in God.

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I believe in friendship and its power i peliève in friendanp and its power to banish hoeliness.

I beliève in the right of all people to live without fear.

I beliève in remembering the past—but living in the present.

I beliève my life has purpose.

Dear Jo: My neighbor who is the same age as I am (70) swears that the herbs she huys at the health food store are re-sponsible for her normal blood pres-sure and her infrequent colds. Is there any truth in these claims?

Dear Mrs. B; Many are convinced that herbs such

as gingseng, cayenne and parsley will correct almost any abnormality and as gingseng, cayenne and paratey will correct almost any abnormality and assure better health. Certain herbs, such as digitalis, have been proven to be of medical value, but to say generally that berbs are responsible for her normal blood pressure and infrequent colds is stretching their benefits a little.

Herbs sold in health food stores, or anywhere else for that matter, are not subject to any scientific myestigation, so their safety, particular when used as treatment, is something the sold their safety particular when used to their safety, particular when used to transment, is something when used to their safety particular safety and their diet as well as prescribed medication should be very careful as some herbs can cause a change in the action of the medication.

Dear Jo: What do you think of a 65-year-old woman marrying a 51-year-old man? We have this dilemma in our family -my sister is marrying this youngster, and I think she's lost her marbles.

Dear Unsigned:

I think I will answer your question with a question. What do you think of a sty-year-old man marrying a 51-year-old woman? My guess is that you would find this quite an acceptable situation. Acutally, you should be pleased that your sister has found someone she loves enough to marry as very few widows over age 65 remarry.

You called your 51-year-old future brother in-law a youngster. As a genomous please of the protection o

Seniors' physical activity is subject of conference

Fitness is Ageless, the 11th annual conference on physical activity for older adults, will be held Thursday and Friday, May 5 and 8, at Schoolcraft College.

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The event is designed for persons who work with senior citizens to promote their desily physical activity in community recreation and adult education, as well as in retirement and nursing house.

ing homes.

"The Nutrition-Fitness Connection" taught by Laurence Power, MD, specialist is lifestyle medicine, will open the conference. Following will be sessions on holistic bealth models and leadership skills directed by Alice Belfie, Peggy Action and Jan Goldberg.

In mid-alternoon Bellie will lead an experimental session called 'Dynamic Energy Fitness,' a European system combining servolic and yoga, and based on physiological principles. Estimate of the session on Aquatics as Therapy,' and Bellie will direct 'Adaptive Aerobics.' Adaptive Aerobics. The appropriate of the physiological principles of the physio

entertainment by two any and in-fearm. Cost of the event is \$35 which in-cludes continental breakfasts on both days and Thurnday right dinner. Str-dents and retires can pay \$30. Regis-tration is from \$-9 a.m. Thurnday. For further registration information call the college at \$91.4400, ext. 409.

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