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Thanksgiving Drive

This youngster may be hungry but at least he is warm with clothes provided from Thanksgiving drives. The campaign is scheduled for the week of Nov. 8 and used, serviceable clothes should be brought to churches.

Two - Pronged Drive on Poverty Planned

Preparations for the annual diocesan Clothing Drive for the needy of the world mark the kickoff of a two-pronged Campaign for Human Development which will soon touch every parish in a year-round program.

The clothing drive, annually supported with great zeal in the diocese, will gather used wearing apparel and bedding into parish centers all through the week of Nov. 8.

The other phases of the immediate diocesan share in a national crusade against poverty will involve:

- An education and information program to make all dioceses aware of the causes of poverty in the nation and in the several poorer counties of this diocese;

- A fund-raising program, begun with a special collection in

all churches on the Sunday before Thanksgiving, Nov. 22, which will finance self-help projects in poverty-areas on diocesan and national levels.

Diocesan organizer of the Campaign for Human Development is Father Robert Kreckel, Pastor of Immaculate Conception Church.

Announcing the U.S. Bishops' plans for the crusade against poverty Father Kreckel said the theme-phrase "For God's Sake" came from Pope Paul's challenge to build a national will "to break the hellish circle of poverty" which entraps one out of every five people in the U.S.

"An essential element in all our plans for diocesan programs in conjunction with the national crusade," he said, "is to show that U.S. poverty is the result of lack of concern on the part of Americans who have more temporal goods. We plan elaborate education programs

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Moral and Social Issues Involved

Without prior consultation, Catholic newspapers from Oakland, Calif., to Long Island are taking a more involved role in this year's election than ever before.

Using such techniques as surveys, including one conducted by the Courier-Journal, in-depth studies of nominees, and the printing of candidates' views on certain issues, the papers are taking a more active stance in helping voters cast their ballots in the light of Christian teaching on moral and social issues.

The Courier-Journal broke a long-standing tradition of not getting involved in political campaigns by instituting the extensive Election '70 survey of candidates for state and federal offices.

Although the abortion question perhaps prompted the newspaper's decision more than any other factor, Catholics were reminded that the very future of the parochial school system in the state hangs in the balance and that voters should be aware of the positions of all candidates on public aid to private schools.

The newspapers' stepped-up participation in the election process reflects the action of bishops across the state and country who are speaking up more and more on issues of social as well as moral importance.

For instance, the bishops of New York State have issued a statement urging a "yes" vote on Proposition 1, the only above-the-line proposition on the ballot this year. It would provide increased funds to help local housing agencies finance new, low-rent housing.

While such a measure obviously intends direct help for

on the extent and effects of poverty."

Films will be available for meetings in parishes, informational packets will go to all schools, radio and television stations in the diocese will broadcast the crusade material, sermon outlines and liturgical recommendations will be sent to all priests.

Although the national collection goal is \$50 million, one dol-

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Vote Information

As a public service to readers who may have misplaced back issues of the Courier-Journal, this paper will provide telephone callers with the specific positions of candidates from throughout the diocese on abortion and public aid to private schools. The number to call is 716-454-7050.

impoverished people it also attacks the root causes of other social problems, such as crime and disease.

On abortion, the bishops in a separate statement, declared that the new permissive law in this state reflects "the amoral trend in our society."

The prelates added, "It is important that all concerned citizens aim to reverse this life-destroying trend."

The bishops stressed that "the law of God and the law of our Church remain unchanged. To take human life is gravely wrong. This taking of human life is particularly heinous because that life is innocent and defenseless."

The position gained impetus when the Holy Father reaffirmed the Church's condemnation of abortion as a "barbarian" method. He said that abortion had been considered murder since the earliest days of the Church and "nothing permits us to consider it different today."

The Courier-Journal Election '70 Survey listed all of the candidates and their specific positions on abortion in the Sept. 30 issue.

All addresses of candidates are listed on Page 2A, as they were last week.

The total results showed that of the candidates for the state legislature 31 of the 36 answering said they are not satisfied with the present law — 22 called for reform and 9 for re-

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