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## POVERTY:

*It Means Hunger, Bad Teeth, Thin Clothing,  
It Also Means Personal Shame, Degredation*

(First of a series)

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We have codified it, quantified it, analyzed it, romanticized it and agonized over it.

But when you reduce it — poverty — to its real meaning, it means nothing but misery.

Poverty means not enough of the right things to eat, a leaky roof, backed-up plumbing — when you have plumbing at all — thin clothes, bad teeth, colds that linger for two months instead of a week.

And it means shame, like the shame felt by an 81-year-old widow in Utica, N.Y.: her husband had operated a respectable resort hotel in the mountains before his death 25 years ago; she lived in a genteel, if old, apartment. But when she died a month ago the

county paid for her funeral — she had been on relief several years, but couldn't bear to tell anyone, not even the family that could have helped her.

Which should tell us something about the poor: poverty is almost always accompanied by pride. There is a county in southern Virginia in which nearly two thirds of the homes lack indoor plumbing, in which there are almost no jobs.

Probably 4,000 people there are eligible for welfare. You have to say probably, because they won't tell you — only about 100 are on the public assistance rolls.

It's a much-abused phrase: "The poor you will always have with you." But it's true in at least one sense — everywhere you turn, there are poor people. As proof, one can turn to these government statistics,

compiled by the Office of Economic Opportunity and the Bureau of Labor Statistics:

- Two thirds of the poor live in families headed by a person who has a full-time job.
- Ten per cent, or nearly 13 million persons living in the nation's metropolitan areas are poor.
- Two thirds of those people are white, not black.
- The poor are in the cities, as we know, and they are also in the suburbs — 7.3 per cent of all people living in suburbs are poor.
- Two fifths of the poor are children.
- One fifth of the poor are over 65.

The young and the old — poverty afflicts most the

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Hope, decent housing with inside plumbing, sewers and electricity, and a chance to organize for better living conditions are desperately needed by the proud men of the Navaho Campaign for Human Development, with our help, can give this hard-working people the long-denied chance it needs.

## Cardinal Cushing Succumbs at 75; Funeral Saturday

Boston — Funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. Saturday for Richard Cardinal Cushing who died at the age of 75 Monday after a protracted illness.

Archbishop of Boston for a quarter of a century, Cardinal Cushing will lie in state at the Boston cathedral until the funeral. Public Masses are scheduled for Wednesday through Friday at noon and 7 p.m.

Burial will be in a crypt in the Portiuncula Chapel on the grounds of St. Coletta's School for Retarded Children in Hanover, Mass.

The colorful and blunt cardinal, friend to men from the mostly lowly stations of life to presidents, had retired last month and had been replaced by Archbishop Humberto S. Medeiros as head of the Boston archdiocese.

Archbishop Medeiros was at the cardinal's side when he died at his Commonwealth Avenue residence. Also with the cardinal were his sisters, Mrs. Anna Francis and Mrs. Mary Pierce, and his brother John.

A pace-setting ecumenist, Cardinal Cushing was one of the first members of the Amer-

ican hierarchy to begin appearing regularly at Protestant and Jewish gatherings.

A lifetime member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Cardinal Cushing was a bitter enemy of communism.

He helped lead efforts at Vatican II for declarations upholding religious liberty and in repudiating deicidal charges against Jewry.

He gained public, international prominence during the era of Pope John XXIII and President John F. Kennedy.

A longtime friend of the Kennedy family he became a devoted friend to John F. and his wife, Jacqueline, as their own expansive lifestyle matched the cardinal's colorful interest in contemporary happenings.

## Nixon Rejects Porno Report

Baltimore — (RNS) — President Nixon has described the report of the Commission on Pornography and Obscenity as a "morally bankrupt" document, charging that the commission "has performed a disservice and I totally reject its report."

"So long as I am in the White House," he said, "there will be no relaxation of the national effort to control and eliminate smut from our national life."

The President's condemnation of the commission's work was released as a statement to the press while he was engaged in a campaign tour here.

The administration's attitude

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## Bishop Launches Drive to Aid Needy

Bishop Hogan last week launched the new Campaign for Human Development in the diocese — part of a nationwide Catholic bishops' drive against poverty — with contribution of \$500.

Earlier in the day (Oct. 26) the Bishop had received a check

for that amount from Musa Caravan 25, Order of the Alhambra, to use it for whatever purpose he wished.

Involved in the national crusade against poverty are:

• An education program to make all diocesans aware of poverty situations;

• A fund-raising drive for a minimum of \$50 million to finance self-help projects in poverty areas on national and diocesan levels.

Organizer of the campaign in the Rochester Diocese is Father Robert Kreckel, pastor of Immaculate Conception Church. A special collection for the campaign is slated in all parishes on the Sunday before Thanksgiving, Nov. 22.

One dollar out of every four raised in the diocese will remain here to aid self-help programs, it was noted.

More immediate steps to prepare diocesan priests for the future fulfillment of the Human Development Campaign in parishes began this week with the first of four Clergy Conferences on social problems within the diocese.

Some 212 priests are registered for full-day meetings prepared by the diocesan Office of Human Concern. Sessions were held yesterday at Becket Hall and today at St. Joseph's Hospital in Elmira. Similar material will be presented again at Becket Hall for Rochester area priests on the 12th and at

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