

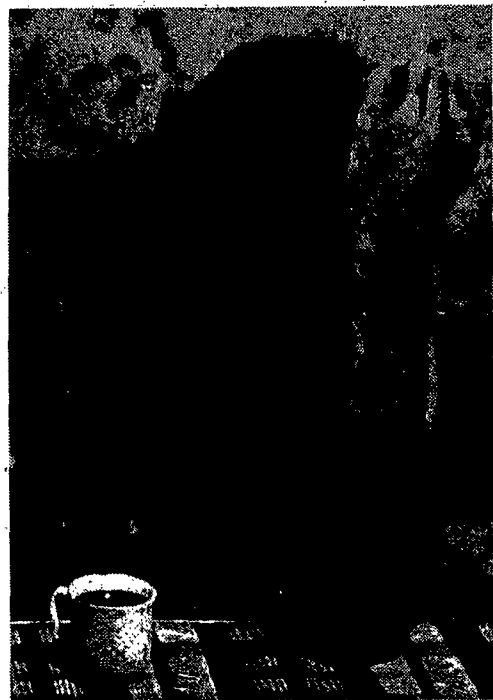
Your Gift Will Show You Care on Christmas

This is the second of two lists of family stories of misfortune taken from diocesan social agencies. The people are real men, women, children and elders — their identity has been disguised but we have verified each case.

Any gift you send — money, food or clothing — will be directed personally to the family you wish to help through the organization listed under each case.

Keep in mind, however, that these cases are merely typical of the many more each agency assists — so if you wish to help the agencies in a general manner, that will also serve the needy.

Please do not send your gifts to the Courier-Journal. Contact the specific intermediary under the case you wish to help.



Many Are Lonely, Depressed, Hungry at Christmastime

21. Irene is frightened, burdened with crippling arthritis and painful heart disease. Husband David tries to be patient, but he too, finds it harder to work now that his eyesight is failing as a result of serious diabetes. Their children worry about their parents, try to do their best in special classes in school. They would like to get some work to do but do not have any skills.

Case cared for by Catholic Family Center. Address them directly at 50 Chestnut St., Rochester, N.Y., 14604.

22. Henry and Lillian have a big family. Henry is being laid off. It is too cold to get outside construction work. They will have to get welfare help again. All their plans to fix up their old home will have to wait. The children took such pride in having a place of their own. Henry, over 50, has heart condition. He hopes he can last to see his young family through.

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23. Older-than-his-age Mr. K. is one of several chronic alcoholics able to work only sporadically, often sleeping "out" under an expressway or in a truck for lack of room rent, often jailed, frequent visitors to the House of Hospitality where they receive free food and clothing. Your contributions of money, food or clothing will help.

Case being cared for by St. Joseph's House of Hospitality Inc., South Avenue at Byron Street. Mail should be addressed to P.O. Box 3043, Federal Station, Rochester 14614.

24. Betty has glaucoma; her husband Arnold is retired. They live in a project solely on Social Security. They would love to do more with their grandchildren but do not have money to go see them. Betty and Arnold fear getting old and being alone.

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25. Mr. and Mrs. D. have each

other but little else in life, little reason for living and wishing and hoping. Mr. D., a veteran of World War II, plagued by severe anxiety and depression, suffers from diabetes and a serious cardiac disorder. He has had open heart surgery once and should have again but is in poor condition to survive it. Mr. D's medication is extensive and expensive as are his diabetic needs. Mrs. D. is also in a chronic anxiety state and is under regular medical and psychiatric care. Even with help from existing programs, because these will not allow for such specialized medical and dietetic needs, Mr. and Mrs. D. are constantly in need of money for food.

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26. Mrs. S., 32, is the mother of seven children, ages 1 to 12, who have been deserted by their father. Mrs. S. has many chronic physical complaints, has been under psychiatric care, and is undergoing radium treatments for cancer. This family is poor in every way and the children have many special needs — physical, emotional and psychological; several have severe speech problems because of their environmental deprivation and are in special classes at school. The S family needs someone to show a genuine interest in them; to give them understanding, encouragement and love; and on occasion to assist them with more tangible gifts of food, clothing and furniture as a sign of care and concern.

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27. A condemned, dilapidated house with huge patches and holes where plaster has fallen, broken steps, broken banister and broken windows, very little furniture and plumbing facilities

almost always out of order — such is "home" for the T. family, Mrs. T. and her 10 children, ages 1 to 13. Mr. T. has moved to greener pastures but financially aids in support of the family which receives supplementation from public assistance. But still, these are unbelievably horrible living conditions — self-defeating and degrading. A search for better housing has been under way but to no avail as low income housing simply isn't available for a family with 10 children.

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28. Mrs. F., 75, and her son Jed, 40, are attempting to readjust their lives after having both been in state institutions for 20 years. They are epileptics who are now able to live independently with the aid of medication. Since coming to Rochester three months ago, however, things have been difficult — Jed lost his job due to the current economic slowdown and Mrs. F's Social Security checks have not yet been routed to her new address. Due to their long stay in the institutions, they have little household equipment or winter clothing. Both are proud, and wish to solve their problems without welfare aid. Their greatest need is a simple job for Jed and winter clothing.

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29. Two years ago the eight member R. family moved from a two room shack to a farmhouse in need of considerable repair. The father's work record (industrial maintenance) earned him a low-rate government loan. Home improvements have come slowly, but they have been made, despite father's recurring back trouble and mother's removal of teeth owing to serious infection. Family budget does not allow purchase of false teeth, and two of the youngsters have eye difficulties requiring medical attention.

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30. For 15 years Mrs. P. has been in and out of psychiatric institutions but presently her whereabouts are unknown and she has not been with the family for years. Mr. P., an epileptic, works and cares for his sons, age 14 and 11, who were in foster care for eight years and who because of deprived emotional beginnings have psychiatric help and residential treatment. Recently Mr. P. overextended himself financially and now finds himself on a tight budget (especially for food) and unable to meet his own and children's medical needs. Mr. P. has tried to fulfill the role of both parents for several years and has done well with limited resources.

Case cared for by Father Sebastian Falcone. Address him directly at 2260 Lake Ave., Rochester, N.Y.

31. Mrs. S. shoulders complete responsibility of rearing six children, ages 3 to 16, after being abandoned by her husband, a drug addict. By a very careful budget and a long-term government loan, she has moved from a ramshackle, 90-year-old farmhouse to a better town-located house. Mother suffers from acute attacks of asthma. A new furnace is desperately needed. A clean house and her children's education are primary goals. Family dropped out of migrant stream 4½ years ago.

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32. Mr. and Mrs. B. have five children, ages 1 to 14. Mr. B., a reformed drug addict and pusher, recently quit his job and went on public assistance in order to remain at home to care for his children. Mrs. B., who is disturbed and has been hospitalized several times for psychiatric reasons, often leaves the home and children unattended for a day at a time and wanders about the city. The house is practically bare and furniture, food and housekeeping services are needed.

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33. Ellen is a woman in her early 40s. She has a crippling disease that is progressing. She is heavily sedated to help with the pain. She now has to have her food specially prepared so she can digest it. She has reached the stage where it is very difficult for her to do her housework. Her husband Tom is a hard worker but his income just covers the essentials. Ellen and Tom have two lovely children.

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34. Mr. and Mrs. S., with a sixth child on the way, dropped out of the migrant stream about 18 months ago. Mr. S. is unskilled, has only 5th grade education, can't find employment in off-season. The family lives in a 35-year-old trailer, virtually bare and with non-ventilated heater. Outstanding debts include medical bills and payments on 10-year-old car. This last is absolute necessity, since family lives in isolation, some four miles from nearest inhabited area.

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35. Rosalie and Joseph immigrated to this country a couple of years ago. They have eight children and have found it difficult to secure work as they are not skilled. Rosalie has to work to help the family and her 72-year-old mother, who has had several strokes, has to care for the family.

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42. Mrs. L., abandoned by husband and living with children in upstairs inner city room. Oldest son drinks and avoids work; mother often

sends youngest son to nearby House of Hospitality for food.

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37. Mr. T. is retired. He would like to buy his wife a winter coat. However, he must have every cent as he is facing his 10th operation in five years. Mrs. T. is worried and confused. She, too, is ill with serious heart and throat conditions. It is hard for them to think of the future living only on Social Security. They have been refused assistance by the welfare since they have just enough to get by, according to welfare procedures.

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38. Bill and his wife Jean have nine children. Jean has been hospitalized twice in the last three months and prior to this has had to be hospitalized for long periods of time. Bill has found it difficult to keep his family together while his wife is ill. He has changed jobs several times as he is trying to better himself. The family tries to help out so they can stay together but at times it seems impossible. Bill feels that Christmas will be no different than any other day as medical bills will still be overwhelming.

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39. Rita had a baby in January who was born with a severe birth defect. He has had to be hospitalized most of his life. Rita is only 19 and is working regularly but earns only the minimum wage as she is not skilled. The prognosis for the baby is guarded and Rita is trying to be the best mother she can but finds it staggering with all of his medical problems.

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41. Miss R. is an extraordinary woman. An invalid, unable to move from her bed for the past five years, is living in a house "that should have been ordered condemned 10 years ago." Nevertheless she is constantly doing for all her neighbors with her sewing. It has been said of her, "She always has an open door and a beautiful smile, sharing with all even if it means she goes without."

Case cared for by St. Martin dePorres Center. Address them directly at 637 Clinton Ave., Rochester, N.Y., 14605.

Don't Neglect The Poor, Pope Cautions



Vatican City — (RNS) — Pope Paul urged Christians, in the midst of rejoicing and exchanging gifts at Christmas time, to remember "the many poor and needy who lack the basic necessities of life."

Addressing several thousand persons in St. Peter's Square at his customary Sunday Noon appearance, the Pope urged support for charity drives for "children, slum dwellers, sick people, prison inmates, the jobless and the derelict."

Pope Paul stressed the social character of Christmas: "May this be understood and appreciated by a society which calls itself democratic and in which freedom frequently seems to favor the formation of great collective egoisms that are careless of the common good and the social order"