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**Basilian Synod** Father Joseph Miller, CSB; Bishop Joseph L. Hogan, and Father William Gibbons, CSB, seated on the left,

are shown during Mass Aug. 26 at Basilian regional meeting at Fisher College. See story on Page 1B.

## Area Teens to Help Memphis Children's Research Hospital

An army of teenage volunteers will deploy in Monroe County on Sept. 25 and 26 to raise funds for research directed toward eliminating childhood diseases.

Chris Ranieri, volunteer chairman, will command a teenage corps. She will spearhead a recruitment drive aimed at enlisting teenagers from every area in the county.

"I think the community will be pleased with the response of our young people, and I am confident that the teenagers will do a good job," said Mrs. Carol Rogers, county director of the drive.

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital was founded by entertainer Danny Thomas to fulfill a pledge to St. Jude Thaddeus, patron saint of the hopeless, made in 1937. At that time Thomas was an aspiring, unemployed entertainer. In desper-

ation he pledged to build a meaningful shrine to St. Jude if he ever found his place in life. Last year, he appeared here in Rochester in a benefit performance for the hospital.

The hospital recently announced it has achieved a 15 per cent cure rate for children afflicted with acute lymphocytic leukemia.

In addition to leukemia and other blood disorders, research is being conducted in the areas of childhood cancer, muscle disorders, endocrine problems and nutrition.

Patients are admitted to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital upon referral of their family doctor, regardless of race or creed, and there is no charge for treatment.

Teenagers and adults who are interested in helping are invited to call Mrs. Rogers at 328-1430.

## Area Gives \$35,000 for Pakistanis

Catholics of the Rochester Diocese contributed \$35,000 for emergency relief work among Pakistani refugees in India.

Hurriedly arranged collections were taken during July in response to a letter to pastors from Auxiliary Bishop Dennis W. Hickey.

A thank-you letter came last week from Bishop Edward E. Swanstrom, executive director of Catholic Relief Services.

"I cannot tell you how grateful we are," he wrote, "for the generous help the people of the Diocese of Rochester have given for our work to help the millions of Pakistani men, women and children who have become homeless as a result of the tragic situation in Pakistan."

Bishop Hickey had explained that CRS resources were not sufficient to the emergency.

"It is felt," he observed, "that if the Catholic people of the United States were given an opportunity to be of assistance, they would gladly do so."

## Educators Here Praise Tax Credit Move By Nixon Panel

By JOHN DASH

Last week's surprise announcement that a presidential commission is seriously considering legislation to give tax credits to parents of parochial school children, brought warm response from the Rochester Diocesan Department of Education.

Father Albert Shamon, vicar of education, however, warned that such action may be discriminatory toward the poor in as much as the poor, have no taxes to pay.

"We don't see the govern-

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## President's School Stand Said 'Hopeful, Encouraging'

Albany — President Nixon's unexpected endorsement of parochial schools was "encouraging and hopeful" to Charles J. Tobin, secretary of the State Catholic Committee.

"The President spoke out of obvious conviction and belief," Tobin said, "and I for one believe we should now press forward in the Congress to obtain

federal help for all nonpublic school students in all states."

President Nixon's comments Aug. 17 at the Knights of Columbus Convention were among the strongest any national or state figure has applied to the educational crisis.

Expressing his belief that

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## Our Readers Speak Up in 'Letters to the Editor'

Letters to the Editor undoubtedly is one of the best-read features of this, or any, newspaper. This is probably because they are usually about current events, they're honest, written with conviction, and each viewpoint is probably shared by larger segments of society.

They compliment, cajole, remonstrate, advise, complain, thank and entertain. For example these excerpts from recent editions:

"Let's be done with fault-finding" in the church . . .

"Father Ehmanns ramp is a wonderful idea . . ."

"The Fourth of July is becoming a money day . . ."

"The fractious priests were in fact anti-authority priests . . ."

"Once again the Mission Sisters of St. Joseph has benefited . . ."

They represent a means of expression for the most important people connected with the Courier-Journal — readers. We group them on Page 4A weekly. There you'll

find some simple guidelines for writing letters. We welcome you to do so.

The final installment of Bishop Hogan's series on Pentecostalism is on Page 3A. For insight into the movement as well as leadership on the subject, we suggest you read and save this series.

Another feature space intended for readers' use is the Q and A on Page 4A. We print questions on faith and morals from readers with explanatory answers. Got a question? Send it along to our Q and A editor.



Humberto Almazan, the noted Mexican actor-priest will bring his latest film "Rain for a Dusty Summer", to Rochester soon. In the film Padre Almazan plays the martyred Jesuit, Miguel Pro. See the story on page 2B.