

Christmas... a Chance To Aid the Unfortunate

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Human misery comes in assorted shapes and sizes.

It is seen in a hungry child.

In a dilapidated farmhouse unable to protect itself and its inhabitants from the ravages of winter.

In an innercity house crawling with vermin.

In the inability to pay for necessities.

In joblessness.

In crippling illness.

It is the ache of loneliness for many, particularly older persons, without family or friends at Christmastime.

The miseries generated by poverty, old age, sickness, loss of dignity, and solitude are accentuated at Christmastime as they are played against a background mood of gaiety, warmth and cheer.

The third annual Courier-Journal Christmas Fund drive,

conducted in conjunction with the Catholic Family Center, aims at least to alleviate some of these problems. Your help is needed.

Any gift you send — money, food, clothing, toys, a promise of future concern — will reach those who need it most through the Catholic Family Center.

The cases listed below are all true and are all in the diocese. They, however, represent only

a fraction of the total cases being cared for by the Catholic Family Center. You are invited to contribute to individual cases but because some cases may receive a great deal of attention and others none, the center must use its discretion and expertise in aiding as many people as possible.

Gifts and contributions should be sent to:

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Diocese's Neediest Cases

1. After Mrs. D died in a tragic auto accident two years ago, Mr. D vowed to rear the eight children, ages three to fifteen. Under the best of conditions this is a challenge. Mr. D, however, also was injured in the same auto accident, is now disabled and depending on a welfare budget. At times the difficulty of being both father and mother to his children is more than he can cope with. Extra clothing, toys and food are needed.

2. Mrs. E was beaten and robbed after having cashed her welfare check. December will be bleak month for her and her two children. Catholic Family is providing her with food but money to provide Christmas dinner and toys is needed.

3. Mrs. G is an elderly diabetic who lives alone. A competent manager of her Social Security check, she is able to provide for her own daily needs. However, gifts and money at Christmas will brighten her life.

4. Two years ago Mr. and Mrs. F were able to purchase a house through the help of a housing foundation. By skillful management they manage with day-to-day expenses. However, they need money to repair worn-out furniture and to buy toys for their six children who are in grammar school.

5. Mrs. A, a widow, lives with her eight children and six-month-old grandchild. Their house is drafty and shabby. Lacking in material goods, Mrs. A gives love and firm guidance to the children. She would like to be able to provide them with extra clothes, toys and food at Christmas.

6. Miss N is a middle-aged woman shut-in with numerous illnesses. This unfortunate woman is unable to go as far as the corner store or laundromat.

Each month it is necessary for her to order groceries to be delivered and have her laundry done professionally at high cost. At present she has only two cotton summer dresses and needs a pair of shoes she can't afford. She is secluded and doesn't ask much for herself.

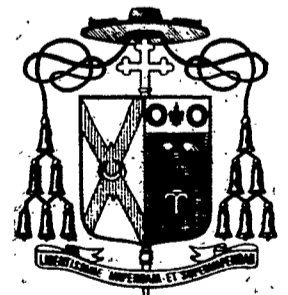
7. Mrs. R, a family of two, a mother and son. The mother is an elderly woman with a terminal disease who is caring for her ill son. They both have difficulty managing even the simplest household tasks. Making a meal is a major project therefore they often eat TV dinners. Much of their income

must be spent on medicine and doctors. They are trying to scrape together enough for school books and expenses for the son to attend school. They are badly in need of a Christmas dinner, perhaps a present of clothing and a cheerful greeting.

8. Mrs. M lives in a small run-down house in the city of Rochester. She has a deep interest in the welfare of her three children, but can't provide the things necessary for them. Since there is no father in the house her responsibilities are tremendous.

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Diocesan Appointments



Father Timothy Weider has been appointed director of Catholic Family Center of the Catholic Charities, effective Dec. 1. In his position, he will work not only with the Catholic Family Center but also with all the Catholic agencies participating in the Community Chest.

Father Weider will continue to be administrator of Sacred Heart Church, Perkinsville, where he has developed programs for the rural poor, established a medical center, and a group home for boys. Presently, Father Weider is involved in program development on behalf of the migrants within the diocese.