

# Diocese's Neediest Cases

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dous, and financially she is at a loss. She provides the love necessary for her children but would like to give them a little more during the holiday season. It would bring Mrs. M much pleasure if she could give them a hardy meal and gifts.

9. Mr. and Mrs. C are concerned about Christmas. Mr. C is unemployed and cannot find a job. They are receiving assistance but this does not provide for any extras for the six children. He does not know how he can tell his four-year-old and the five-year-old that Santa will not stop at their home nor can he tell the older children that there will be only soup for Christmas dinner. Besides these comparatively small problems the family has only a scant amount of furniture and Mr. C does not have a warm coat.

10. Mr. P, a father earning extremely low wages, is trying to make ends meet supporting his wife and seven children. They are living in a condemned house soon to be torn down. It is drafty, plaster is falling, lighting is inadequate, broken stairs lead up to one big room where the seven children must sleep in one double and two single beds with worn mattresses and not enough blankets. Father has all he can do to meet the heat and food bills. This family needs so much — Christmas dinner, warm clothes, toys.

11. The A family has six children who are in very desperate need this year. The mother has developed a serious illness and cannot adequately care for her children alone. Therefore, her husband has had to quit work to care for her and the children. The burden of caring for them and worrying about his wife has worn this good man down. Now Christmas is coming. How will he explain to his children when there are no presents under the tree, no Christmas dinner?

12. Miss W is a middle-aged shut-in due to emphysema. This woman will be unable to go downtown to see the Christmas decorations. She won't even be able to enjoy decorating a Christmas tree because every movement is difficult. She must wear an oxygen mask constant-

## A Chance

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The Courier-Journal Christmas Fund  
Care of Catholic Family Center  
50 Chestnut St.  
Rochester, N.Y. 14604

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Catholic Family Center  
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Remember that the people in the cases below are real, they're your neighbors. They are all ages and colors and have one thing in common. They need a sign of love at this Christmas-time.

The mails are heavy, thus slowed down. Please act as quickly as possible.

### Problem Pregnancy?

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ly to breathe. Water damage from rain and snow has ruined her closets and clothes will have to stay piled in the living room until she has strength to find a place to put them. Her refrigerator isn't working and she hasn't the money for a new one.

13. The Gs have nine children, aged 5 to 18. They have been receiving public assistance for some time due to Mr. G's heart attack. Mrs. G would like to do some work to help out but her health seems to have been failing in the last year and she has enough to do taking care of her family. Mrs. G is good at stretching her welfare budget but finds this difficult when seasons change and additional clothing is needed. Two of the children have extremely poor eyesight and are in special

classes. It is especially heartbreaking for the Gs at this time of the year as they are unable to provide any extras for their children. They are most grateful for public assistance but at the same time are frustrated that they cannot provide the things other children have. If it were not for the generosity of those who share what they have the Gs' Christmas would be extremely bleak.

14. The Ss have three children, all boys, ages 12, 10 and 8. Though Mr. S works regularly, their budget is very tight. There are many medical problems in the family but he earns too much to make them eligible for Medicaid. Mrs. S takes one boy to clinic weekly and the cost of bus fare is a strain. They try to provide extra things for the children, such as Scouts and music lessons, but have to go without things themselves to provide these things. Because of an exera expense at Thanksgiving, Catholic Family Center had to help them with their dinner.

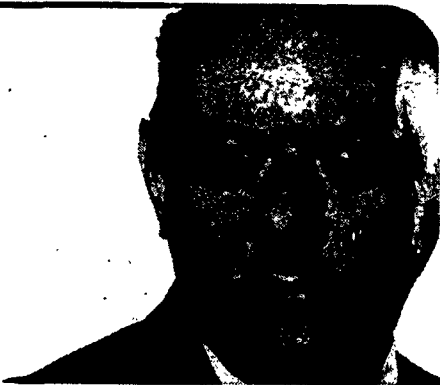
15. Mrs. A is a young widow with an eight-year-old son, Tommy. She was reared in foster care because her father was dead and her mother ill and unable to care for her. Her young husband died three years ago of cancer. They had to seek public assistance because of his illness and the need for her to



care for him. She, however, found employment and has been able to support herself and her son. They live on a limited budget as her earnings are not high and she is still paying on bills that were incurred before her husband's death. A gift of a Christmas dinner will help Mrs. A to stretch her budget and give Tommy real proof that others care.

BOB CONSIDINE

## On the Line



The University of Florida is putting together a book on the life and times of Charles MacArthur, reporter, playwright, raconteur, bon vivant, soldier, and late great husband of Helen Hayes. Charlie, co-author with Ben Hecht of the best script ever written about the newspaper business, "The Front Page," was an irrepressible soul whose spirit will not easily be trapped between hard covers. He once said he considered himself a "middle-aged pixie." He was.

Once in Venice he told me about an adventure of the night before. He and Hecht were inspired to search out a farm on firm land beyond the watery city. They purchased a large quantity of horse manure, brought it back to Venice in the dead of night, and deposited it behind the great bronze figure of Garibaldi near St. Mark's. At dawn they were awakened by Venetians crying "Miracle! Miracle!"

If Pope Paul VI leaves the throne of Peter before death ends his reign, as some Italian newspapers predicted on the cheerful occasion of his 74th birthday, we hope he has a more restful retirement than the original John XXIII.

The first John XXIII, Baldasare Cossa, sprang from a pious Neapolitan family, more than half a millenium ago. But he moonlighted as a pirate and led not only a revolt against the regular reigning Pope, Gregory XII, but also against the Anti-Pope Benedict XIII.

He was instrumental in convening the Council of Pisa which elected a third pope, Alexander V. But Alexander died in the year 1410 and his followers elected Cossa pope! He felt it safer to remain a moving target. He fled from the protection of one king to another, all of whom treated

him like a Thanksgiving weekend guest who shows signs of staying over until Christmas.

John XXIII grandly called the Council of Constance in 1414, expecting that it would firm up his claim on the papacy. Instead, it excommunicated him from the Church as a "scandalizator ecclesiae." He was jailed in Germany for three years, came back to Rome defrocked, threw himself at the sandals of the then uncontested Pope Martin V, and prayed for mercy. Martin V busted him to cardinal in 1419, but gave him a nice summer place in Tusculum, southeast of Rome, where Roman swells had luxuriated since Nero's time.

Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli, who charmed the world during his short 4 1/2-year reign, said he chose the designation John XXIII to cleanse the papacy's numerical succession. Roncalli, incidentally, was 77 when elected in 1958.

I am indebted to "Who's Who in American Politics," published today by the R. R. Bowker Co., a unit of the Xerox Education Group, for the following:

- Sen. Barry Goldwater is the most prolific of the 27 per cent of current senators who have published books. The Arizona has pounded out seven. Sen. Hugh Scott has one coming out entitled "The Golden Age of Chinese Art: The lively T'Wang Dynasty." (Should be out about the time Nixon chins with Chou.)

- Sixty of the 100 senators are lawyers, and the average age of a senator is 52.

- Two senators — Symington and Goldwater — have sons serving in the House of Representatives.

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