

Bishop Launches Flood Relief Fund

By Bishop Joseph L. Hogan

Five days of July spent as an eyewitness to human tragedy have provided me with personal convictions of the awesome dimensions of the devastation in the Southern Tier of our diocese and have confirmed me in a decision to institute a plan to offer our distressed people support on a continuing basis.

They have been comforted by our initial generosity which was a spontaneous act of response to the shock of the tragedy. They now need all that the virtue of generosity can promote. Virtue is an abiding habit which fosters sustained activity.

Now that the grim story of the Flood of '72 has all but disappeared from news headlines, we may easily be inclined to feel that our task is completed. The truth is — we have only begun to express our concern in a practical way.

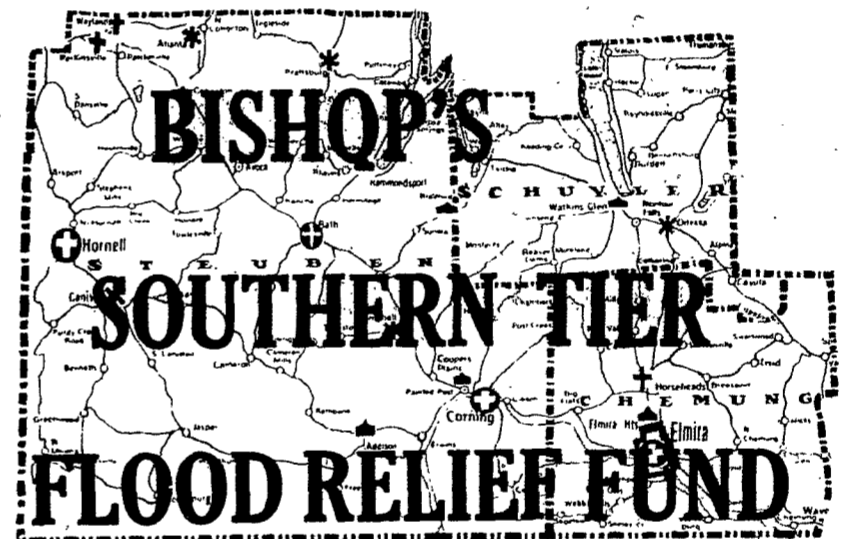
With this in mind, I am announcing today the inauguration of a Bishop's Southern Tier Flood Relief Fund as a source of continuing support, and I urge your generous contributions to a degree which will merit the name of personal sacrifice, which will be an act of gratitude for our own personal blessings, and a visible sign of our abiding concern for the suffering members of our diocesan family.



Photo by Anthony J. Costello

Bishop and Baby

Bishop Hogan seems to have way with baby Doreen Sutton at day care center in West Corning school. Doreen is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Sutton, whose home was wiped out by the Southern Tier flood waters.



Flood Coverage Continues

In order to continue extensive coverage of devastation wrought by the flood in the Southern Tier, the Courier-Journal once again this edition changes its normal format.

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan's regular weekly column, "Pastoral Perspective", is on PAGE 15 along with our editorial. The Bishop begins a series of columns on marital fidelity.

In a special plea for Lithuanians behind the Iron Curtain, the Bishop has issued a pastoral letter (PAGE 21) and there is a story on the impact of his message.

In addition to most of our regular features, we have four pages of flood cleanup pictures on PAGES 8-9 and 12-13.

Other flood stories:

Fathers Albert Shamon and Daniel Brent, of the diocesan education office, write a special message on the possibility of diocesan schools being denied federal aid in the flood aftermath (PAGE 2).

The Red Cross has been busy in Corning (PAGE 3); volunteers are desperately needed (PAGE 3).

What other areas of diocese

are doing to help — Auburn (PAGES 4 and 6), Ithaca (PAGE 6).

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Court Decisions Favor Abortion, Halt Money For Private Schools

Two Church-backed positions suffered setbacks in separate decisions last week.

A special federal court in New York City temporarily barred the state from releasing any of the new \$35 million in private school aid.

The three-judge panel ordered the withholding of scheduled payments to non public schools and parents of students, pending a ruling on the constitutionality of the program approved late in this year's session of the Legislature.

In Albany, the state's highest

court, the Court of Appeals, upheld the constitutionality of the liberal abortion law.

Plans were immediately announced by Robert M. Byrn to appeal to the United States Supreme Court. Byrn, a 40-year-old Fordham law professor, brought the original challenge against the law to the courts.

In the Legislature, Assemblyman Edward F. Crawford, who co-sponsored the abortion repealer which passed both state houses last year before Gov. Rockefeller's veto, said he would reintroduce the bill in 1973.

You Can Help With Flood Relief

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