

Bishop Urges: Help Human Development Drive

My dear People:

A year ago I wrote to you about the Human Development Campaign and asked you to be generous in its support. For many reasons, the collection went down by twenty-five percent. Practical concern for others, however, goes far beyond a once-a-year collection. I have been deeply impressed by the outstanding response, on the part of so many in this diocese, to those who suffered at the hands of the flood early this summer. People of all ages gave their time, their skills, and their possessions to those who found themselves suddenly in need. I give thanks to God for your spirit and your goodness.

Human development and growth is always made possible through this type of Christian sharing. A flood created painfully obvious suffering and need. But the same seemingly hopeless situations weigh people down all over this diocese, in every part of our nation. As long as there are some

who have to overcome heavy odds to live a life of dignity and hope, I must urge you again to continue your efforts, and support the Campaign for Human Development.

It is a good vehicle for sharing your blessings. As Christians, we should encourage every effort made by those who are oppressed by their lives but refuse to give up hope. Courage in facing honestly the problems of their lives is a priceless quality. Your contributions will help the campaign to help those who try to help themselves.

Some will say that they don't know what the campaign does for people. Literally, this money has reached the four corners of our diocese. Through the excellent work of the Human Development Task Forces, every dollar that you gave produced \$1.15 in help for the poor of this diocese. And this help was not in the form of handouts; rather, it assisted people to help themselves. Your Catholic Courier Journal of Nov. 8 contained

a complete list of all grants of money both local and national in this diocese.

Your record has been outstanding in giving of yourselves to help others. I ask that your support of this collection reflect your spirit. I pray that our diocese may be known in every region as a place where Christ is present in our love, concern, and respect for the poor.

With my fondest blessings and a prayer that your Thanksgiving may be full of peace and joy, I remain

Devotedly yours in Christ,

Joseph L. Hogan



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'So THAT'S What They Think . . . !'

Dennis Boike holds up blackboard on which boys had put down their ideas of what girls are like. This was at "Breakthru," an ecumenical seminar held during the weekend for high schoolers by St. Christopher's Catholic Church, North Chili; the White Church, UCC in Spencerport, and Emanuel United Church of Christ, Warren, Pa.

Southeast Stages 'Mini-Convention'

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More than a hundred people from Rochester's Southeast Region attended its "first undertaking on a regional basis" last Sunday night at Nazareth College.

In his opening remarks, Father John J. Philipps, regional coordinator, noted that while the region has held separate meetings since last May for

school principals, priests and CCD coordinators, Sunday's mini-convention was the first gathering of its type for all members.

"If the confusion generated by meetings increases in proportion to their frequency," said Father Philipps, "be prepared for a lot of confusion." The region will meet frequently, he said.

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Diocesan Appointments



Father Bernadine Grauslys, OFM, retired to Kennebunkport, Me., Motherhouse from pastorate of St. George's Lithuanian Church.

Father Augustine Simanavicius, OFM, his assistant, advanced to pastorate, St. George's.

Father Eugene Jurgutis, OFM, appointed assistant, St. George's.

Father Francis Lioi to associate pastor, Annunciation Church, from St. John's, Greece.

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National News of Special Interest

Events on the national level are unusually noteworthy this week. American Indians fulfilled an old prophecy, the Supreme Court agreed to hear the New York State mandated school services case, and liberalized abortion lost in Michigan and North Dakota. All on national news PAGE 21.

The election is over but the dissection goes on. Editor Carmen Viglucchi tries to assess the impact of abortion on the legislative election from within the diocese. PAGE 2.

Task Force on Courts, the Church Women United-sponsored study of the criminal court is two years old this Fall. This week, on PAGE 8, Barbara Moynihan tells how volunteers train to be court-observers and what veteran observers say about the judicial system.

"Sure the Vatican has priceless art treasures. But

they can't be sold and they don't bring in any money. In fact, you have to hire people to dust them off and guard them."

The Vatican, according to Religious News Service correspondent Bob Holton, may be in dire trouble as far as its ready cash supply goes. The above quote helps explain the situation in this PAGE 20 story.