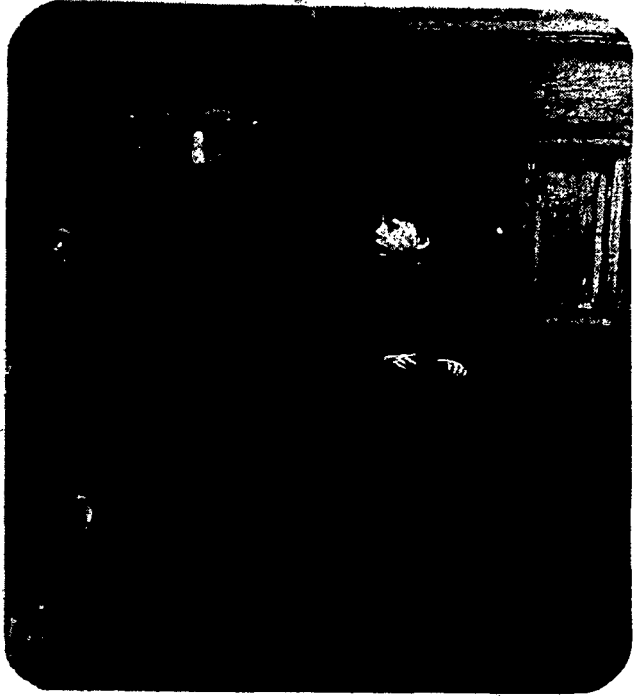


Christmas Fund Launched



For the Unemployed . . .



. . . Those Hurt by the Flood . . .



. . . And the Lonely.

The fourth-annual Courier-Journal Christmas Fund to help the unfortunate of the diocese conducted in conjunction with the Catholic Family Center, begins this week.

The main purpose of the fund is to help our unfortunate sisters and brothers who must contend with the misery of poverty, illness, joblessness, fear, hunger, despair, infirm old age. Sometimes it is merely to take the edge off loneliness at least for this most special time of the year.

Last year's fund raised some \$17,000 and went directly to aiding the kind of cases printed in this week's Courier-Journal.

This year we are including cases of those victimized by the June floods in Elmira and Corning which will leave their mark on the Christmases of many in the Southern Tier.

All the cases listed are true and all are in the diocese. They,

however, represent only a fraction of the total caseload being attended to by Catholic Family Center. You are invited to contribute to individual cases but because some 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.

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.

All contributions should be sent to:

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

The fund is starting earlier this year than ever before in an effort to beat the heavy holiday mail rush. So act early to help someone have a better 1972 Christmas.



Neediest Cases

Mrs. D. has had several nervous breakdowns recently returning from the hospital. Her four children, age 3 to 14, were living in foster homes. Mrs. D., loving them very much, took them home as soon as the doctor told her she was mentally and physically able to care for them. With the help of a caseworker and advice in budget management and practical hints for dealing with the children, Mrs. D. and the children are doing splendidly. Money is needed to provide for extra cheer at Christmas time.

and cultural activities for the children.

After his wife's desertion Mr. P. struggled to be both mother and father to his four boys, ages 4, 6, 8 and 11. From the pressure he suffered a nervous breakdown and the four children were placed in foster homes. Out of the hospital now, Mr. P. has embarked on a vocational rehabilitation course and looks forward to the day when he will be able to reunite himself with his children. In the meantime money is needed for Mr. P. to provide treats and recreational outlets for the boys when he has them home on Sundays.

Mr. and Mrs. W. and their seven children, ranging in age from 2 to 19, are a happy family in spite of marginal income and many health problems. The caseworker provides emotional support, practical advice and assists in obtaining recreational

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Amid controversy over a "sensationalized" report on convent life, Courier-Journal staffer Barbara Moynihan spent last weekend at the Monastery of Mary the Queen in Elmira. For a rare, frank and "unsensational" look at cloistered life in our contemporary world turn to PAGE 14.

Among other action at their semiannual meeting, the U.S. Catholic bishops issued a pastoral letter stressing the traditional role of education, PAGE 2.

"To think is to thank," Bishop Joseph L. Hogan reminds us at Thanksgiving time, as he concludes a series on Basic Attitudes for a Year of Renewal. PAGE 3.