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And There Came Three Kings

Saturday was "children's day" in the north of Rochester. The "Feast of the Three Kings" was celebrated Saturday, Jan. 6 at the Puerto Rican Arts and Cultural Center, 954 Clifford Ave.

Throngs of neighborhood children from the Puerto Rican community came to the center to receive their season's presents from the Three Kings. Shown at left, they are Eugenio Marlin, Pedro Maneiro and Teofilo Ponce.

This date is known more commonly in the universal church as the Feast of the Epiphany. The appearance of the Magi at Christ's cradle are seen as the first manifestation to the Gentiles of His glory.

Three Kings Day, according to Mrs. Carmen Teremy, director of the Arts and Cultural Center, "is the most important date of the whole year to us."

Mrs. Teremy said that the celebration, organized by Mrs. Carmen Bird, was the first in what the center hopes will be an annual series.

Money for the presents was collected by donations gathered at large.

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Christmas Fund Raised \$25,000



The Courier-Journal Christmas Fund hit an all-time high this year, surpassing \$25,000 with scattered contributions still coming in, reported Anthony J. Costello, general manager of the paper.

The most money collected previously in the four-year history of the fund was about \$17,000 in 1971.

"The monetary result is very gratifying," said Costello, "but what makes it even more pleasing is the fact that so many, many readers answered the call. Of course, large donations are appreciated and welcome but it is heartwarming to see so many small contributions, indicating that large numbers are participating."

In addition to money, readers contributed clothes, toys and foodstuff.

Costello also had words of thanks for Father Joseph D'Aurizio, Catholic Charities director, and his staff for their work in distributing the money.

In praising those who contributed, Costello said, "But this is nothing new for Courier-Journal readers. They contributed more

than \$50,000 to the Bishop's Southern Tier Flood Relief Fund, publicized through this paper."

Costello chose two letters as typical of those received with contributions.

One read:

"I just received \$10 from a friend for Christmas and while I was thinking what I should buy for myself, I was reading those pitiful stories in my Catholic Courier, the one magazine I like so much.

"There is your answer, I said to myself, so I am adding \$10 more to it."

Another writer said:

"Praise God for the Courier-Journal. For they opened my eyes to Christ and showed me how much more I have than others. I pray some needy family will be helped and that Jesus will enter their hearts this year.

"Thank you for giving me the opportunity to have a more joyous Christmas."

Costello said that such letters augur well for the future of the fund.

New Parish to Be Formed In Town of Perinton Area

The first new parish to be instituted in the diocese since 1968 will be formed in the town of Perinton, the Pastoral office announced this week.

Reason for establishment of the new parish is "to relieve the overcrowded conditions which now exist at the Church of the Assumption and in its School of Religion" in Fairport.

The parish will be the first new one in the diocese since the establishment of St. Christopher's in North Chili and St. Jude's in Gates in June 1968.

In locating the new parish the office stated:

"The Bishop intends to establish a new parish directly to the east (of Assumption parish). Approximately 16 acres have been purchased on the north side of East Whitney Road, opposite Hamilton Road, for future church construction."

As of now, it is planned to use only half of the acreage for church purposes, with the remainder earmarked for sale.

The diocesan Personnel Board has begun to seek a pastor for the new parish, which will be unnamed until such appointment.

New boundaries likewise await discussion among the new pastor and those in neighboring parishes. They roughly will encompass an area bounded by Penfield Road on the north; Ayrault Road and Pittsford-Palmyra Road on the south; the Monroe-Wayne County line on the East, and by imaginary lines extending from Huber Road to Ayrault Road, and Aldrich Road to Pittsford-Palmyra Road on the west.

The population growth in the area as been rapid and is continuing, according to the Pastoral office, Father Leonard A. Kelly, Assumption pastor, reports that there are at least 250 families now on his rolls that would be in the area planned for the new parish. For instance, there are 95 first graders from the Dudley School on Hamilton Road now enrolled in the Assumption School of Religion.

A diocesan official pointed out that, despite a shortage of priests in the diocese, establishment of

the new parish has become a necessity to serve residents of that area.

Liturgy Linked to Workshop Renewal

The Liturgical Commission of the Rochester Diocese has announced a five-session workshop in liturgical celebrations in preparation for Lenten worship during the Year of Renewal.

Members of the Liturgy committees of the five Rochester regions of the diocese (Monroe County North, Northeast, Northwest, Southeast, and Southwest) are asked to attend the sessions.

The schedule is: Monday, Jan. 15, 22, and 29, 7:30-10 p.m. at St. Bernard's Seminary; Thursday, Jan. 25, 7:30-10 p.m. at Sacred Heart Cathedral (music workshop); and Saturday, Feb. 3, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at St. Bernard's.

Bishop Hogan Urges Prayers for Unity

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The keyword is pray as we prepare to note the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Jan. 18-25. In his column, "Pastoral Perspective," Bishop Joseph L. Hogan urges all Catholics to join other Christians in observing this special week of prayer.

The Bishop quotes Pope John XXIII: "The day must finally come when there will be but one flock and one shepherd, because Jesus Christ so wills it. Let us hasten this blessed day by our prayers." See Page 3.

Diocesans have been on top of a nationwide expression of criticism against "Maude", a television situation comedy which treated abortion as a humor-

ous happening. Courier-Journal columnist Pat Costa gave readers some advice on how to voice their grievances most effectively. They took the ball from there. PAGE 19.