



Local OHD Submits Poverty Proposals

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Local OHD would like to see a new system devised.

Twenty-two proposals for Human Development Campaign funds mailed last week to the national office in Washington, D.C. were for causes ranging from self-help housing projects to boy scouting opportunities for poor rural youth. Money sought adds up to \$913,173.

Campaign for Human Development guidelines specify that to be eligible projects must involve self-help, which they define as projects where the poor have the dominant voice in planning and implementation.

Local grants will also be made by eight task forces throughout the diocese. A cross section of lay people make up the task forces, whose job it is to solicit proposals from self-help groups in their areas, evaluate them according to national campaign criteria and decide which proposals will apply for local and which for national.

The proposals that go to the national office must range from \$10,000 to \$200,000. Requests for less than \$10,000 can be handled locally provided the task force has the amount needed.

Seventy-five per cent of the annual Human Development collection goes to the national office and 25 per cent of it stays in the diocese. The money that remains here is then divided up among the task forces according to how much their area contributed in the collection.

"We have a lot of problems with that 25/75 per cent split," Sister Josepha Toomey of the OHD office said, adding that the

The 22 funding proposals came from eight counties and ranged in amount from \$10,000 for the medical-dental clinic in Rushville, Ontario County, to \$144,340 for a comprehensive pre-school center for retarded children in Steuben County.

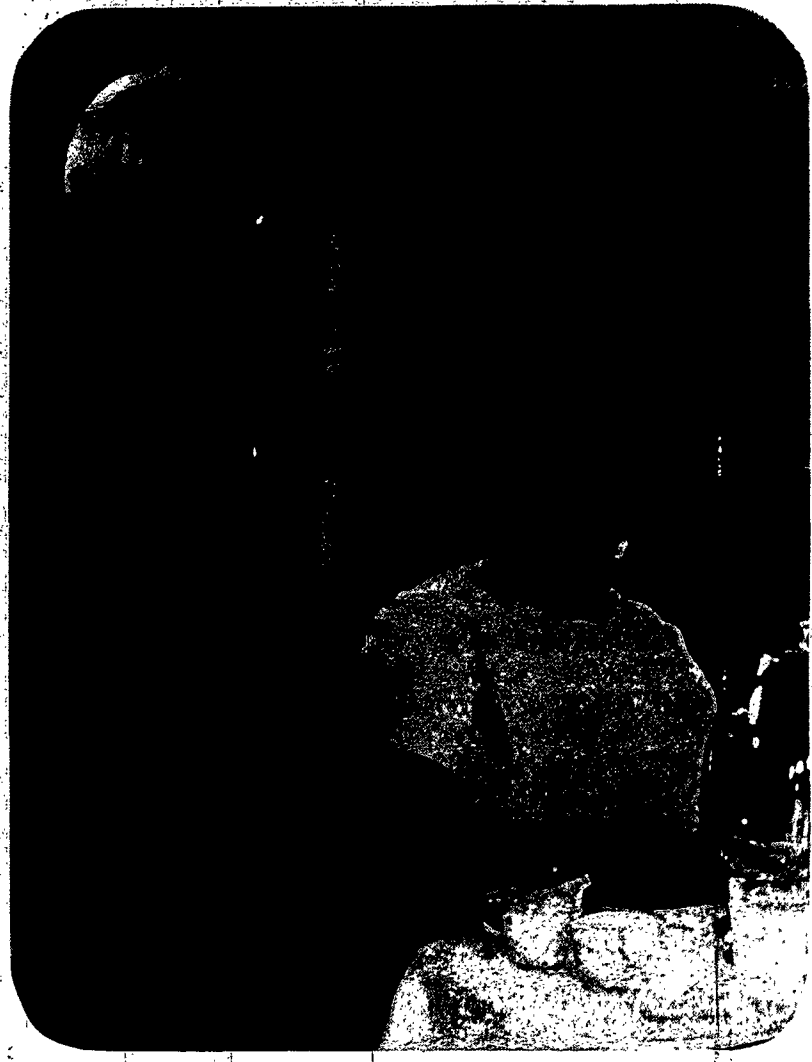
Of the eight task forces, four — Cayuga, Tioga, Tompkins and Livingston — did not send any proposals to the national office.

The requests from the remaining four task forces broke down this way: eight in the housing categories, one for health services, one for a legal aid program, six in education, five to promote economic development, and one for transportation of senior citizens.

The number of local proposals is not yet known, according to Sister Josepha. "Local task forces deal with them according to their own time schedule," explained the sister in charge of national campaign fund proposals.

Rectory Furnished

The new rectory of most Precious Blood parish, above, should be well stocked with household goods when it is completed around Easter. A shower was held Sunday, March 25 by parishioners under the chairmanship of Mrs. Vivien Cisternino to supply things like toasters, linens, decorations and tableware for the new residence. At right, Father Sebastian Contegiacomo, CPPS, pastor, is shown thanking Mrs. Caroline Bianchi for pouring at the affair. The old rectory will become a kindergarten for the parish school.



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A parish council has an almost unlimited resource of ideas and help for education and action programs in the federal government.

There are so many different departments of the federal government, and so many different studies and reports done each year, that it is hard to find your way among them. Your best bet is to write to the Superintendent of Documents (U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402), and ask to receive the free twice-monthly mailing of "Selected U.S. Government Publications."

It will take a council leader only a few minutes to review the 16-page publication, but he will usually find a low-cost pamphlet or report that can help the council in its work.

Is your finance or budget committee trying to make an accurate determination of what might reasonably be expected in contributions from the parishioners? For \$1.25 you can get a copy of "Zip Code Data, Individual Income Tax Returns" (11AA, 4804-0499), that will provide income and tax liability information by postal zip code number. By checking the appropriate zone, or zones, for your parish you can get a pretty accurate reading of the income level of your parishioners.

Are drugs a problem in your community? You can get tips on

budgets, publicity, materials, exhibits, and more about a community program to fight drug abuse by merely sending 20 cents to the Superintendent of Documents for "Drug Abuse Prevention" (32AA, 2704-0003).

"When You Need Help" is a 10-cent pamphlet that briefly describes a few of the federal and state programs which give aid to families with dependent children, old-age assistance, aid to permanently and totally disabled, and many medical assistance programs. Its catalog number is 5AA, 1763-0003.

Many of the pamphlets would make excellent discussion group materials. For examples, "Welfare Myths vs. Facts" (15B, 1760-0105), attempts to explode some of the popular misconceptions about welfare recipients; "American Indian Civil Rights Handbook" (17B, 0500-0077), explains the civil rights and liberties guaranteed to all American Indians and Alaskan natives living on or off reservations; "Violence and the Media" (22B, 5274-0001), contains the statement of conclusions of the Sub-Council on Advertising and Promotion of the National Business Council for Consumer Affairs on the relationship between violence and the media.

The Superintendent of Documents has about 24,000 titles in stock, dealing with everything from toy safety to planning for retirement.

VICAR FOR ROME

Vatican City (RNS) — In a document dated March 6 and released by the Vatican on March 12, Pope Paul VI has named newly created Cardinal Ugo Poletti his Vicar for the Diocese of Rome. Cardinal Poletti, who had been acting vicar for the Rome diocese following the death of Cardinal Angelo Dell'Acqua last August, was one of 30 prelates elevated by the pontiff on March 5.

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