



Opens Holy Year

Pope opens Holy Year ceremonies. See story on Page 17.

Bishops Take Action On Varied Topics

Key action taken by the U.S. Bishops at their annual meeting in Washington, D.C., last week:

* A pastoral letter was issued reaffirming the U.S. Catholic Church's "heritage of faith in Mary, the Mother of God" and strongly encouraging "authentic devotion to her."

* Rejected a proposal to permit reception of Holy Communion in the hand. The vote on the proposal, making reception in hand optional, was 121 against, 113 for.

* A resolution was adopted unanimously to reaffirm the bishops' endorsement of and support for a constitutional amendment that would protect the life of the unborn.

* Another resolution adopted unanimously called for the right of Israel to exist as a sovereign state and for recognition of the rights of Palestinian Arabs.

* It was recommended unanimously that a special ad hoc committee be created to develop guidelines for a wide-ranging "pastoral program" on the formation of moral values.

Complete report on the conference, including comments from Bishop Joseph L. Hogan, will be found on Page 15.

In the second segment of her two-part series "Our Elders: Lest We Forget," staff writer Sharon Darnieder describes some of the projects undertaken by parishes to provide activities for the elderly in their areas. These include special masses, field trips, help with day-to-day problems and monthly social events. PAGE 6.

All Invited To Mass of Thanksgiving

My dear Friends,

I am pleased to send you this invitation to be with me on Thanksgiving Day at 9:30 a.m. at Sacred Heart Cathedral for the celebration of the Eucharist. The day will mark the eve of the fourth anniversary of my ordination as seventh bishop of Rochester. My litany of gratitude is so lengthy that I will need your voice to help me proclaim it. I am grateful for all of God's blessings to the Church of Rochester and, in particular, for your prayerful support and encouragement.

It could be so easy to be among "the other nine" who take His gifts for granted. I want to be identified with the one who returned to the Lord to acknowledge His wondrous personal love and to say "thanks."

Gratefully yours in Christ,

Joseph L. Hogan
Bishop of Rochester

Bishops Back Boycott

Washington, D.C. [RNS] — U.S. Catholic bishops unanimously approved resolutions calling for free secret elections for farm workers and for the support of the United Farm Worker Union's boycott of table grapes and lettuce until elections are held.

The bishops, acting on recommendations from the special committee of the National Conference of Catholic

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Courier Wins National Blue Ribbon

Washington, D.C. — The Courier-Journal has been designated a "National Blue Ribbon Newspaper" for 1974 by the National Editorial Foundation, Washington, D.C.

In announcing the designation, Foundation President Paul D. Coffman, Melrose Park, Ill., noted that the Courier-Journal achieved this designation in a nationwide program, open to all newspapers. Twenty-five criteria, measuring the newspaper's service to its community against a national standard, were employed in the judging. Publishers whose newspapers are recognized for their over-all excellence, or who had previously been accorded the foundation's Blue Ribbon designation, participated in the judging.

The foundation, established in 1956, is dedicated to the improvement of journalism and journalism education.

Christmas Fund Is Under Way

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

Last year some 1,600 contributors donated more than \$25,000 which went directly to aiding the cases listed in the Courier-Journal. This year, the 100 neediest cases in the diocese will be described, starting with this issue.

The main purpose of the fund is to help our sisters and brothers who throughout the year contend with the miseries of poverty, illness, joblessness, fear, hunger, despair, and infirm old age.

The theme of the drive is "Whatever you do for the least of my brothers."

All of 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 Charities, through its Catholic Family Center agency.

Readers 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 as possible at this Christmastime.

Most of the contributions are in the form of money but anything you send — 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

Each year the fund has raised progressively higher amounts. This year it is starting earlier than ever to give those who want to share in the giving a greater opportunity to do so. Act early to help someone or some family have a pleasant Christmas 1973.



100 Neediest Cases In Diocese

1 Mrs. A. has had her two children in foster care for several years because of her health problems. She is receiving welfare assistance. The doctors feel she is capable of caring for her children now and Mrs. A. is happily preparing for their return home. She needs money to purchase furniture and other necessities to make her home cheery and bright for her two little ones. Catholic Family Center.

2 Mr. and Mrs. F. have six children and expect a seventh. Though Mr. F. has a low salary they are not eligible for Welfare, Medicaid or food stamps. Mr. F. has tried to find a second job but jobs are scarce. The F's, therefore, live a hand-to-mouth existence unable to have anything extra, or to meet any emergencies, or even to provide some necessities. Our agency has been able to help some in emergencies but would be drained of funds to meet all their needs. They rarely have meat on their table with the high food costs. They existed most of the summer on home grown vegetables. If it were not for those who share at Christmas it would be just another drab day of the same poverty. Perhaps someone could help them feel that Christmas could be all year long. Catholic Family Center.

3 Mr. and Mrs. C., a couple in their 70's, are living on Social Security, a very small private pension. They are a devoted couple and support each other through their many illnesses. Mrs. C. had a heart attack several months ago, has arthritis and asthma. Mr. C. has lung trouble and arthritis. A little extra at Christmas time will make them feel more cheerful and give them hope for the future. Catholic Family Center.

4 Mrs. D. lives with her four young children in a rented apartment. She is divorced from her husband. Her only source of income is welfare assistance and her landlord recently raised the rent. Mrs. D. struggles to provide well for her children but the three older ones, who go to school, need warm coats and boots for the winter. This family would be most grateful for some financial help to see them through the winter. Catholic Family Center.

5 Mr. and Mrs. D. are a couple in their 60's beset with illnesses and financial problems during the past year. Mrs. D. has a chronic heart condition. Mr. D. has serious stomach trouble. An operation will necessitate being out of work for a month. Things look brighter now and they are beginning to catch up on their

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