

6 Days Left, Act Now

# Drive for the Needy a People-to-People Affair

One of the most heartening aspects of the Courier-Journal Christmas Fund is that it is a people-to-people campaign with heartfelt donations going directly to those who most need cheer during this season of seasons.

Contributors come from all walks of life and from every age group. Donations come in all sizes, and those contributing often send a message of love and concern.

For instance, one eight-year-old saved up her allowance for four weeks to make a donation of \$1 "to help the needy."

Many who make contributions are hard-pressed themselves but regret only that "we cannot do more" to lighten the burden of



the most deprived people in the diocese at Christmastime.

Some are forgoing Christmas cards or some extra connected

with the holiday to contribute to the fund.

Last year some 1,600 people responded to the fund and in-

dications are that even more will contribute this year.

Father Joseph D'Aurizio, head of Catholic Charities, said that he is heartened by the response to date but hopes that Courier readers will continue to send in contributions right up to Christmas.

All of the cases listed are true and all are in the diocese. They, however, represent only a fraction of the total caseload cared for by Catholic Charities through Catholic Family Center and its other agencies. The agency caring for each particular case is listed at the end of the case history.

Readers are invited to contribute to individual cases but because some may receive a great deal of attention and others

none, the caring agency must use its expertise in aiding as many as possible.

Contributions of money or of clothing, food, bedding, toys should be sent to:

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

The theme of this year's drive is "Whatever you do for the least of my brothers..."

### COVER ART

The color art on Page One was done expressly for the Courier-Journal by local artist David Clar.

## 100 Neediest Cases In Diocese

[Continued from Last Week]

**65** Mrs. N. is ill and has been confined to her home for several years. For the last two years a generous family has volunteered to do her washing and ironing. They are unable to continue. Would someone volunteer to help this shut-in? Also, her link to society, her television set, has been broken for some time. Could someone offer their services to fix this set and bring cheer from the outside world to this sweet lady? Catholic Family Center.

**66** Mrs. W. has had emphysema for several years. Even though she seldom leaves her home and then only for brief moments she doesn't ask for anything for herself. She does ask a favor for a "friend" — her dog. She finds it impossible to wash him because it tires her. He is her constant companion and this would be a rewarding Christmas present for them both. Would someone bring a smile to this woman's face by solving her problem and occasionally bathing him? Catholic Family Center.

**67** Mr. A. has been forced to quit work to care for his sick wife and six children. Warm blankets are especially needed as the fuel shortage will hit them hard. Catholic Family Center.

**68** Mr. and Mrs. P. have seven children. Mr. P. works full time and Mrs. P. works part time in order to make ends meet. Working hard leaves little time for the children. Perhaps someone would donate hockey tickets or volunteer to take children on an outing. Catholic Family Center.

**69** Mrs. S. is a young woman who has four small children. Although she has been ill recently she continues to work to support her children. Catholic Family Center.

**70** Mrs. H. is a widow with two sons, one of whom is handicapped. They live in a small apartment and manage to support themselves on Social Security, but their income is very low and leaves nothing for extras.

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Photo by Dave Witbeck

### The Bells of St. Michaels

Helping to ring in the Christmas season will be the bells of St. Michael's church. One hundred and twenty seven steps above street level where they were installed in 1903, they range in size from 175 pounds and 21 inches in diameter to 4200 pounds and 59 inches in diameter.

### But Go Slow Pace Urged

# Catholic-Anglican Agreement 'Astonishing'

New York (RNS) — A Jesuit theologian reported here that after 400 years Anglican and Roman Catholic scholars finally sat down together to study their Churches' ordained ministries and found they had "no basis" for disagreement on the doctrine of the ministry.

"It's astonishing, we believe exactly the same thing," he said of the 21-member Anglican/Roman Catholic International Commission (ARCIC), which has just issued a consensus statement on the ministry.

Father Herbert Ryan, S.J., professor of historical theology at Woodstock College and Union Theological Seminary, New York, and a member of the commission, stressed in an interview with Religious News Service that "the important thing now is to let the Churches, the people of both traditions, take perhaps a couple of years to assess our findings."

"There are 600 million Anglican and Roman Catholic people in the world who will be affected by what develops," he said. "We want a response to the statement. Is it a viable option on how the two communions should grow together or is it not?"

Emphasizing that the agreed statement of the commission — composed of 11 Anglicans and 10 Catholics, including several

bishops — "made no judgment on the validity of Anglican Orders," Father Ryan said what the statement did was "establish criteria" for a judgment.

He explained that statements on Anglican ministry by Pope Innocent XI in 1684, by Pope Clement XI in 1704, and by Pope Leo XIII in 1896, which declared Anglican Orders null and void, "never had a basis of agreed mutual criteria for the judgment of the ministry. They were one-sided and Anglicans were never consulted to see what they believed about the ministry."

What the commission did over the past three years was to set out Anglican and Roman Catholic criteria for the ordained ministry, said the Jesuit. "And it was the first time Anglicans and Roman Catholics sat down together to tell each other what they believed."

And what resulted, Father Ryan noted, represented "essential agreement" on the ordained ministry. "We were amazed. I thought the commission would fall apart over the question of ministry. But instead, we sat down and discussed the nature of bishop, priest and deacon and agreed on the purpose of the Church and its ministry in the strongest possible terms."

Pointing out that the commission has now substantially

agreed on the doctrine of the Eucharist and the doctrine of the ministry, he said one "problem area" remains: authority, especially the primacy of the Pope and infallibility.

He said he is currently preparing a paper for the commission's next meeting in August 1974 which, interestingly enough, will be held in Rome and will tackle the authority question.

Admitting that he had been pessimistic about chances of agreement on the ministry — although he had written the first position paper on the subject — Father Ryan said now that the hurdle is cleared, "I'm more hopeful about the question of authority, especially since we agree on the nature of bishop. After all, the Pope is a bishop in the apostolic succession."

Father Ryan, in pinpointing the major problems faced by the commission with regard to ministry, said he thought the commission would never agree on the distinction between ministry of the Word and the ministry of the sacraments, or how that affects the "apostolicity" of the whole Church.

Traditionally, he observed, Roman Catholics and Anglo-Catholics (high church Anglicans) have stressed the sacramental ministry while evangelical or low

church Anglicans have emphasized preaching of the Word.

primarily a question of faith, not ministry.

Father Ryan said the criteria laid out by the commission in its statement should not be interpreted as endorsing intercommunion or concelebration, "that's not the intention of the commission. Our statement should be studied carefully and if it's acceptable then a consensus will build in the Churches."



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