



Jubilee!

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan, above, expresses the joy of the occasion as he talks to those celebrating their 25th and 50th wedding anniversaries at a special diocesan liturgy last week at St. Salome's Church. Above right, Bishop celebrates Mass with Father Joseph Brennan, Father Michael Conboy, and Father Robert Collins, diocesan Family Life director. Right, Bishop Hogan talks informally with couples noting jubilees.

National CHD Aids 2 Agencies

The Campaign for Human Development (CHD) has allocated \$22,500 in national funds to two projects in the Rochester diocese — the Fight Community Advocates, Rochester, and a revolving bail fund for indigents in the Auburn jail.

Father Lawrence McNamara, CHD executive director, awarded the grants Oct. 15 at the diocesan Office of Human Development. In both cases, the funds will offer some form of aid to incarcerated or formerly incarcerated people.

Father McNamara was in Rochester on a circuit promotional tour. He attended a resource meeting in Geneva for diocesan task forces that evaluate self-help projects.

Funds for the campaign grants are from an annual collection held on the Sunday before Thanksgiving in Catholic parishes throughout the country. Twenty-five per cent of the collection remains in the dioceses for distribution and the remainder is sent to national headquarters in Washington, D.C.

According to Viola Brown, treasurer of FIGHT, the FIGHT program will use its \$17,500 allotment to employ two ex-offenders as community organizers who will get to know people and their problems and thus help the organization to provide better service to the black community.

The \$5,000 grant for the Auburn bail fund will be geared primarily to the innocent person who is unable to raise bail.

"The quicker a person can get out of the prison environment, the better," Father McNamara said. "From my experiences as chaplain of the Jackson County



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Jail in Kansas City, I observed innocent men being held in jail for long periods of time since they couldn't meet bail. These men became bitter, frustrated and simply gave up. Sometimes they lost their jobs and the respect of their family and friends."

To receive a national grant, specific criteria must be met.

"Most of those benefiting from a project must be from low-income groups; the poor themselves must have the dominant voice in the planning of any self-help project, and funding is primarily directed to projects where adequate financing is unobtainable from either existing government or private sources," Father McNamara explained.

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