

Clothing Drive... Blankets Needed

Thanksgiving Day — the words evoke a holiday spirit, with memories of wonderful family gatherings and splendid feasts.

For the past quarter century, the giving of thanks to God has been associated also with a gigantic, nationwide closet cleaning, leading to a redistribution of American Catholics' surplus worldly goods.

The annual clothing roundup is about to occur, under the auspices of the bishops of the United States.

More is needed this year than ever before, according to Father William J. Flynn, chancellor of the diocese. He has asked the parishes to hold their drives during the week of Nov. 24. Church bulletins will announce details.

There are two major needs this year, Father Flynn said. Because hot countries have been most afflicted of late, summer-weight clothes are needed; but, because some hot countries have nights of bitter cold, especially for people who have no homes, blankets are very urgently needed.

The blanket supply is almost depleted, Catholic Relief Services reported last week. The distributing agency said its first response to calamity normally is a massive shipment of blankets.

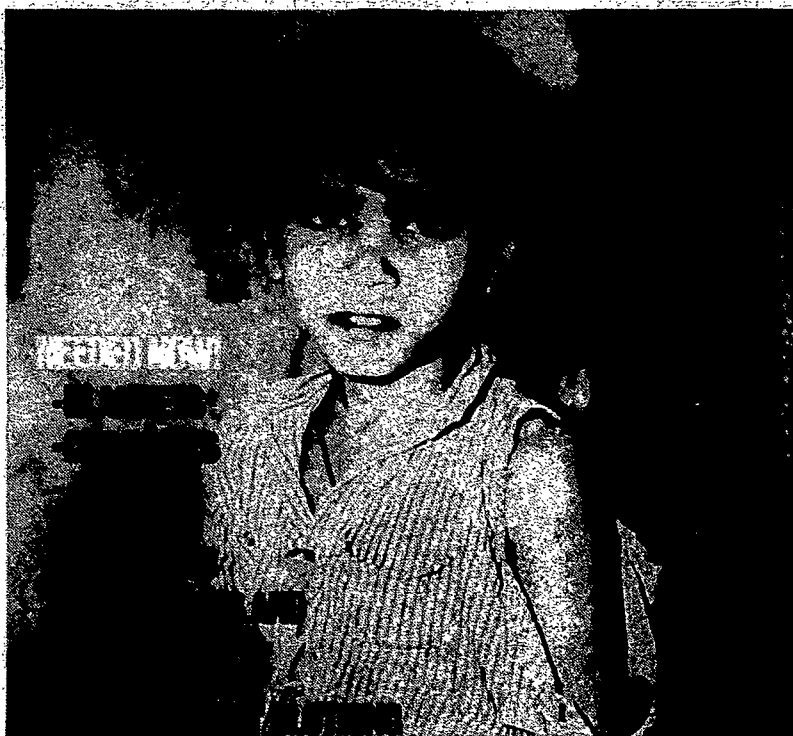
The calamities have been numerous and continuing — in Honduras, devastated by a hurricane in September; in war-ravaged Cambodia and Cyprus; in the drought-stricken African Sahel; by flood and famine in India and Bangladesh.

Here are some items from a CRS summary of current operations:

Within the first two weeks of the Honduran disaster, CRS had transported relief materials valued at \$1,750,000 to relieve the suffering of 120,000 people. Fifty-five tons of clothing and blankets were distributed; and within the month this tonnage was doubled.

On an average, a shipment goes out every five hours. In addition to the supplies that normally flow from its warehouses to the poor of the world, there is a "disaster reserve" in Glendale, N.Y. The agency tries to keep this always restocked, in the amount of 100,000 pounds of clothing and 20,000 blankets. The entire reserve can be moved in the course of one eight-hour working day to a New York airport or pier, for transport overseas.

Families, hospitals and clinics, orphanages and old folks' homes are on the receiving end in 75 countries. Other outlets for the



donated clothing and remnants in scheduled shipments are "clothing for work" development projects and a growing number of vocational training centers where young people learn sewing skills that will help them earn a living.

The logistics of getting clothing out of individual closets into CRS warehouses have been worked out over the years so that things are packed according to specific directions and moved on a tight schedule. But it's still a lot of hard


work for parishioners involved, Father Flynn observed.

The rewards to the giver and worker are implied in this quote from the CRS summary:

"Clothes provide more than just covering and protection against the elements; they are basic to human dignity.

"Your hand-me-downs can be the start of a whole new life for a poor child overseas."

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Nancy Murphy

What would you do if you had a million dollars?

Seek advice, probably.

The Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) would advise you that in the past 20 years the United States and the USSR have successfully avoided direct confrontation by contributing most of the \$1.5 billion in major war weapons — planes, tanks, arms, ships and missiles — shared with the underdeveloped nations. They would inform you that 70 per cent of the total went to the middle east, 15 per cent to the starving continent of India, and 8 per cent to Africa.

You could put a drop in the arms bucket.

Or if overt destruction does not appeal to your instincts you might look into the vast and growing Planned Parenthood organizations at the local, state, national and international levels. You could, in their words, share in PP's attempt to "combat the epidemic of pregnancy" in New York City (where the abortion rate has outnumbered the live-birth rate since 1971) by adding a mite to their \$4 million program to "reduce the rate and number of unwanted pregnancies among the city's teenagers."

On the other hand if you acknowledge that PP's coffers are well-filled and you wish to rub only the best elbows, you could look to the many philanthropic activities surrounding the Rockefeller family fortune. For the year 1974-1975, according to a Foundations Grants reference book, a few of the Rockefeller grants were \$70,000 to the African-American Institute with relation to abortion, and population control in Ethiopia; \$20,000 to the Feminist Press and \$19,600 to the Scientific Analysis Corporation (both support the 'unisex' theory); \$292,236 to the University of North Carolina where extensive research in abortifacient prostaglandins is conducted; \$150,000 to Planned Parenthood of New York City; \$86,000 to Planned Parenthood of Maryland for possible sex education and abortion counseling in the Baltimore schools; and \$247,950 to Planned Parenthood Federation of America in New York.

Then there is always the United States Agency for International Development (AID). They account for 45 per cent of the United Nations budget for the U.N. Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA). AID contributes 40 per cent of the budget of the International Planned Parenthood Federation, plus substantial assistance to the North Carolina universities

studying the abortifacient prostaglandins. Of course AID, with the World Bank, headed by Robert McNamara, would never knowingly exert pressure on the underdeveloped nations as far as population control is concerned, but they might allow the offer of a \$14 incentive to a man with an annual income of \$70 if he were to consent to a vasectomy. (96.8 per cent of the sterilized males in Gorakhpur, India were illiterate, and a study by D.N. Sakena in Uttar Pradesh showed that "62 per cent of the accepters (of) vasectomy had been influenced by the offer of material or monetary compensation... only 2 per cent gave 'family limitation' as their reason for choosing vasectomy.")

Further, Marcus Franda of the American Universities Field Service (AUFSS) has reported that patients have been swindled out of their incentives; that the authorities will "bring in men who are bachelors, overage, or who have only one or no children; they will neglect to obtain consent... or force the signature; they will misrepresent the nature of the operation, or fail to provide adequate information."

But these figures and quotes are academic. They have been public in America for a year or more, easily obtained, and they represent just a tiny degree of the power of the anti-life forces. Yet, though largely supported or accommodated by established social organizations, and justified by politicians who insist that abortion is not 'an issue'; and though these facts are deliberately, smoothly and patronizingly ignored by the more elegant of the Catholic diocesan hierarchy; and otherwise coddled and cultivated by permissive school systems, these facts and figures pale when viewed in the light of a single international agency. The World Health Organization.

Hundreds of thousands of dollars flow from U.N. WHO into 'task forces' in universities around the globe including the University of Michigan, the Rockefeller-funded All India Institute in New Delhi, the University of Southern California at Los Angeles, the University of North Carolina, Ohio State University, Yale University in New Haven Connecticut, the University of Toronto, and Cambridge University in the United Kingdom. The task forces include Chemical Tubal Occlusion (closing or obstructing); as a Method of Sterilization; Tubal Suppositories to Produce Sterilization; Prostaglandins Before and During Use of IUDs; Post Abortion Protocol; Medicated IUDs; nineteen separate task forces pertaining to Prostaglandins for Termination of Pregnancy; Immunological Fertility Regulation; Late Induced Abortions; and Long Term Complications from Induced Abortions... in 1972 and 1973 alone.

WHO is searching. Searching for new ways to terminate pregnancies. By mouth, by insertion, or by injection. And they expect results within a five to fifteen year period.

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