

# COURIER-JOURNAL

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## Courier Launches Sixth Annual Christmas Drive

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

The fund has grown every year since its inception in 1969. Last year's total was the highest ever as some 1,671 contributed \$33,904, aiding 2,100 families. The total compared with \$25,000 in 1972 and \$17,000 in 1971.

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

The theme of the drive this year is "A Merry Christmas for Everyone."

Actual case histories of those in special need will be listed in the Courier-Journal. All of them are true but they represent only a small part of the caseload being attended to by Catholic Charities, through its Catholic Family Center agency.

Cases come from urban and non-urban areas. Parishes from throughout the diocese are invited to contact Catholic Charities with special requests as the campaign is diocesan-wide.

A notable change this year is that the Catholic Charities office will not be able to accommodate clothing, toys and food. Three parishes will help but none have the facilities to collect clothing. Gifts of food and toys, however, will be accepted at Mount Carmel, 60 Woodward St.; St. Michael's, 869 N. Clinton Ave.; and Immaculate Con-

ception, 445 Plymouth Ave. S., all in Rochester.

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 Christmastime.

All contributions should be sent to:

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

The fund is starting early to give as many as possible a chance to consider such sharing as part of their Christmas celebration.



## 100 Neediest Cases In the Diocese

- Mrs. A. has six children and is estranged from her husband. She is trying to keep up mortgage payments on home; does not have guaranteed income from husband or other sources; one son working way through college; one teenage daughter working; one son retarded; three children in Catholic grade school.
- Mr. and Mrs. B. have one son; much illness in past several years on part of father and son; living conditions are very poor.
- Mr. and Mrs. C. have one son, 18. Mr. S. is out of work and the family is on welfare. Son is a school dropout, unable to find employment and has been in difficulty with the law.
- Mr. and Mrs. D. The father has been ill for the past two to three years. He does not work. The mother works to support the family which includes five children.
- Mrs. D.'s husband is deceased. She has 10 children and lives on a farm which she tries to operate in order to save money on food.
- Mrs. R.'s husband has left her with two children to rear.
- Mr. & Mrs. W. are an elderly couple who have had great difficulty meeting hospital and food bills on Social Security payments.
- Mrs. I.'s husband has left her with eight children. Great difficulty meeting expenses for food and clothing.
- Mr. & Mrs. A. are an elderly couple living in a small apartment. Mr. A. is quite sick and Mrs. A. has difficulty paying bills and caring for husband.
- Mr. S. is an 82-year-old man on a very limited income.
- Mr. G. has recently suffered from an illness which brought an abrupt halt to his previously active schedule. Struggling to adjust to and understand his new limitations often causes him frustration and loneliness. A Christmas remembrance would brighten his day and provide some hope for the New Year.
- Mr. and Mrs. M. are an elderly couple struggling to maintain their independent life style in their own home. Mrs. M. has faced repeated hospitalizations in the last months, and Mr. M. is trying very hard to take care of the household chores and his wife at the same time. Their only family lives out of town and therefore they only get to see them occasionally. A small remembrance would bring a large amount of happiness into their day.
- Mrs. D. has recently spent some time in a nursing home, but has improved enough to come home now. She lives alone, confined to her own apartment. She depends on her neighbors and the services of some agencies for all of her needs. A Christmas gift for her would bring a part of the outside world into her life.
- The F. family consists of a mother in her late 60s who is not in good health and three adult children who are all retarded. The family depends on a small income from Social Security, which does not allow them enough to purchase their household necessities.
- There are five members in the R. family. Due to chronic illness neither the father nor the mother is able to work to support the family. This family is in desperate need of any help they may get. Without the generosity of others, this family will not have any Christmas.

## Courier Survey Report Your Favorites, Page 1 and Bishop's Column

By CARMEN VIGLUCCI

In the exhaustive survey of Courier-Journal readership undertaken last Summer reader reaction was sought to all the individual features and columns in the newspaper.

Judging from survey results, the most highly regarded department of the Courier-Journal is its Page 1, followed closely by the centerfold features, with editorials next.

Among the columns, the most popular is Pastoral Perspectives, written by Bishop Joseph L. Hogan. Columns by clergy

generally ran ahead of those by the laity.

The survey was conducted by random mail sampling of our circulation list, contacting every 14th name. In addition, all the priests, religious and parish council presidents were surveyed as were 7 per cent of our direct subscribers. This amounted to a total of 6,538 readers, with 2,042 returning surveys. In addition, a companion survey was conducted through the pages of the newspaper, using the same questionnaire. This gave all our readership the opportunity to be

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## Help Those in Need to Help Themselves

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My dear People:

Again this year it is my happy privilege to ask you to share in the Human Development Campaign Collection next weekend. Your generous gift of material assistance will lend a helping hand to our brothers and sisters in this country who are in need.

There are 36 million poor people in this country, which means that one out of every six Americans is in need. The warmth and generosity of your past gifts have been overwhelming. The 12-county Diocese of Rochester in past years has contributed over \$400,000 to the national campaign. This money has been used to its fullest potential in providing medical care, credit job training, youth programs, legal aid, voter education, Meals on Wheels, and transportation for the elderly. Your aid has reached all 12 counties of this diocese. The money that was forwarded to the National Office has been used in helping people all over our Country help themselves. Your generosity has been an open statement that we believe in men, especially the poor.

We must continue to exert every effort to alleviate poverty, injustice, helplessness and isolation.

When Mother Teresa of Calcutta, India, spoke before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, she urged Americans not to "miss the chance of giving until it hurts" for, "the poor are the hope of mankind and also, the people of America should see in them the face of the hungry Christ." She asked Americans to offer not only food and funds to help the poor, but also "hands to serve them and hearts to love them."

I pray that you will be generous next Sunday in your gift to the poor, so that the Kingdom of God might become more of a reality by your kindness and spirit of charity.

With every best wish, I remain

Devotedly yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Joseph L. Hogan, D.D.  
 Bishop of Rochester

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