

Join Collection For Blacks, Indians, Bishop Urges

My dear People:

May I call upon you to lend your support to the annual appeal for the Black and Native American Missions which will be collected in your parish churches at this weekend's Masses, Feb. 15 and 16.

The Joint Appeals' collection is unique in that it helps a number of groups to spread the message that God loves His people and really cares for their total well-being. A part of your annual gift will be sent, in your name, to the Negro and Indian Missions Board which helps fund special projects in several southern dioceses of the United States. Another part of your gift will be directed to the National Office of Black Catholics which has the responsibility of seeing that funds are allocated for specialized black ministries. One of the main goals of the NOBC for the coming year will be to aid and foster black vocations. Since there are approximately 65,866 blacks living in the diocese of Rochester, we need to encourage vocations among our black brothers and sisters so that the needs of the black community may be met adequately. Finally, your gift of money will enable us here at home to help the Church of Rochester in its ministry to several black communities throughout our twelve-county diocese.

A thorough study of the ways in which the Church can manifest the presence of Christ as Teacher, Healer and Man of prayer in our Church in black neighborhoods will soon be under-way in our diocese. We are also seeking ways in which we can benefit from the rich religious heritage that the black community has to share.

This Annual Joint Appeal is important for all of us because its goal are important. Won't you please come to my aid in meeting this need when the collection basket is passed in your parish church?

With deep appreciation for your continued generosity, I remain

Devotedly yours in Christ,

Joseph L. Hogan

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

Dr. Miller To Give CIM Lecture

Elmira — Dr. David Miller of Syracuse University, a speaker well known to Elmira audiences, will give the final lecture in the Christian Institute of Man series.

His topic for Monday evening, Feb. 17, at Park Church, is "Sacred Stories of Technology and the Technology of Sacred Stories: the Rebirth of Interiority Through Narrative."

Dr. Miller, an associate professor of religion at Syracuse, has written many articles and books in his two fields of interest — theology and literature. A recent book, *On Humor, Homecoming and Happy Ending*, considers eschatology in a contemporary cultural context.

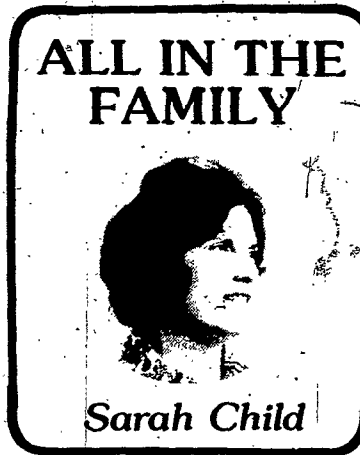
FORUM ON JUSTICE TO MEET THURSDAY

The Forum on Justice, which normally meets Wednesdays, has been rescheduled for Thursday, this week only. A booklet entitled "Am I My Brothers Keeper?" will be introduced by David Beier and Pat Strickland, members of the Judicial Process Commission, corrections task force. The task force prepared the booklet, which deals with the prison system and efforts to change it. The meeting will begin at 12:15 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 101 S. Plymouth.

Father Lux

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three sisters: Gerald A. Lux of Toms River, N.J.; Edward J. Lux of Rochester; Mrs. Donald (Virginia) Frasher of Dundee; Mrs. C.B. (Lucille) Nelson and Mrs. John (Catherine) Lennon of Rochester; also, several nieces and nephews.



"Lovely day out, isn't it?" The man behind the counter looked like he was speaking to me but since there were others milling about I hesitated for a second. When I had decided he was I answered in kind:

"Any day that the sun shines in Rochester is a lovely day." This despite the fact my nose and cheeks were bright red from the walk down the plaza length where the wind chill index factor brought the cold far below the actual mercury reading of 22 degrees. (Yep, we're all starting to talk TV weatherman style.)

But it is true. Every time our city is blessed with sunshine, spirits rise perceptibly, so great is the feeling of relief from continual gray and gloom.

It will be 16 years the end of this month since I learned to live under, if not enjoy, overcast skies. The lack of abundant sunshine in the area is probably Rochester's chief shortcoming.

Its other faults, like the problem of trying to get anywhere from here via train, bus or plane, seem minor by comparison.

And the fact that there are no hills is a personal quirk of mine, engendered by being born and

raised on hillsides facing other hillsides.

Speaking of Rochester's deficiencies I refuse to mention the ubiquitous sinus condition since everybody else who lives here feels constrained to bring it up in two out of three conversations. I haven't seen any studies to prove otherwise so who is to say that people in the Everglades or Seattle or Chicago don't sniff, rattle and roll out the super anahist as often as we do.

I have heard people born elsewhere also complain that Rochester is a city of cold inhabitants and they are not referring to the weather.

I say this is nonsense. People in warmer climes get credit for being more expansive simply because the weather does not keep them prisoners in their houses for three fourths of the year.

There are others who say that in spite of our fine art gallery, museum, planetarium, orchestra, theater groups etc., Rochesterians are primarily bowlers.

This charge, too, is ridiculous. The trouble is that we do not have a nightly television program where a fellow who likes to blow through a comb wrapped in wax paper can get up to demonstrate his talents and say hello to all the boys at the music store besides. I mean if someone in Rochester was interested in something else besides getting a 7 and 10 split, how would we ever know?

And finally there are those who complain that in spite of our so called "clean industry" the pollution is getting out of hand. Let them go to Buffalo is what I say. Let them get a look at one of those yellow concentric oil slicks that hang in the air over certain of their industrial complexes. By contrast Kodak's billowing smoke stacks look almost benign.

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