



Lenor Colon, treasurer of the food buying club in the basement of Mt. Carmel School, helps bag food. All work is done by members



Marianne Kerr is a Vista volunteer working with the food club funded by CICIP alternate ministries. Here she labels orders.

11 Innercity Projects Divide \$10,000 Grant

By BONITA BALDWIN

The Council of Inner-City Parishes alternate ministries funding committee has selected 11 projects as recipients of the \$10,000 awarded CICIP by the diocese, William Murphy, committee chairman, announced recently.

The Roberto Clemente Baseball Youth Program, working with Mt. Carmel parish council, will receive \$1,500, the largest grant. The program organizer, Juan Padilla of Action for a Better Community, explained his belief that sports are a simple way to keep juveniles out of trouble. "Simple things can make a great difference. If you have nothing to do you're going to get in trouble no matter what your background." The summer program will involve nearly 120 boys aged 8 to 15 and is, according to Padilla, the only organized activity for Spanish youth in Rochester. It is staffed entirely by volunteers.

Seven projects were awarded \$1,000 each. The senior citizens of St. Francis Xavier Church, according to Sister Elizabeth Mulcahy, pastoral assistant, will use their grant to cover expenses of weekly programs, parties, trips to shrines, and picnics.

Tomorrow's Adults Today, organized by Joseph Fenlon with St. Bridget's parish council, is a recreational program for inner-city children. Fenlon, a volunteer music teacher at St. Michael's School, said that trips have already been taken to the Ontario Science Center in Canada and to a performance of Victor Borge. Participants are required to work in schools and parishes to earn their way.

A food buying club called Arroz y Habichuela (rice and beans) was organized in the basement of Mt. Carmel by Ibero-American Action League with the parish council's approval and the help of a \$1,000 CICIP grant. Julio Vasquez reported that the organization now has 70 members and offers them more than 50 items at a considerable savings. Vasquez said that the grant works as a revolving fund with the money being replaced by membership fees, thus enabling the group to expand their stock. Ibero would like to see more such clubs started.

Two other Mt. Carmel programs which had CICIP funding last year received awards again. The Jesse Contreras Fuel Fund is a revolving loan fund for emergency home fuel needs. Sister Carol Fox, Mt. Carmel's

pastoral assistant, said that 34 families have been served in the past two years, some more than once. Church teens raised an additional \$318 for the fund this year.

The other Mt. Carmel program in its second year involves teens in a work program to help elderly people in the parish. The youngsters cut grass, clean house, or do whatever is needed. From the fund they are paid \$2.10 an hour. They then give .50 from each hour's wage to help support the teen center at Mt. Carmel. Sister Carol commended this unselfishness and added that the program has helped to create better feelings between the mostly Italian elderly and Puerto Rican youth.

Both leadership programs and the cursillo (movimiento) within the Spanish apostolate received \$1,000 awards. Sister Annette Truby said that she expects to both train adults to run "jornadas" for Latin youth and to conduct at least three jornadas. The cursillo lay director, Ismael Ramos, will schedule two cursillos this year, one for men and one for women. One cursillo costs from \$600 to \$800, he said.

Three \$500 grants were given to groups at St. Francis Xavier, Mt. Carmel, and Immaculate Conception. The St. Francis Xavier group, Northeast Property Upgrading Association, used its award as a salary payment for community worker Sister Eileen Conheady. Sister Eileen reported that the association, primarily concerned with housing and

neighborhood problems, is working with other community groups to get money from the Community Development Act to bring houses up to safety code standards.

The senior citizens of Mount Carmel received \$500 for program expenses.

Immaculate Conception's Mother Cabrini Circle will use its funds as scholarships for black students attending Catholic high schools. Currently they are paying half tuition for 14 students.

Unspent funds amounting to \$110 from last year's \$29,000 grant to CICIP alternate ministries were given to the teen seminar program at Mt. Carmel. Sister Carol called teen seminar "the answer" to problems confronted while working with youth in the parish. Eighteen teens from Mt. Carmel attended seminar last year.

Murphy reported that this year the CICIP alternate ministries funding committee, which includes representatives from Mt. Carmel, St. Bridget's St. Michael's, Holy Redeemer, St. Lucy's, Sister Annette Truby of the Spanish-Apostolate, Land Sister Grace Miller of the Office of Human Development, required all applicants to work through a parish council. Those approved signed contracts stating how the money would be used.

Benjamin Brusca was elected earlier this month to succeed Murphy as committee chairman. Both are from St. Michael's parish.

Easter At the Cathedral

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan will be principal concelebrant of the 10 a.m. Family Mass on Easter Sunday at Sacred Heart Cathedral. He also will give the homily.

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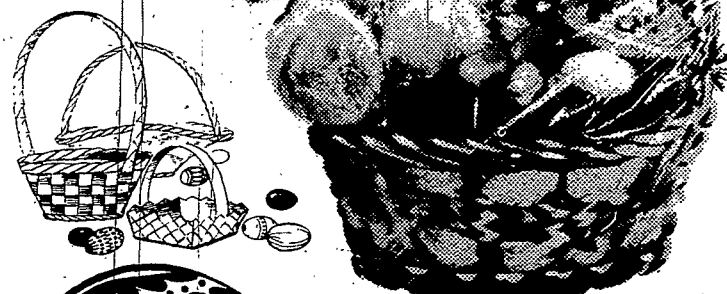


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