

**PASTORAL PERSPECTIVE**

By Bishop Joseph L. Hogan

**Letters From A Bishop-Beggar**

PART IV

My dear People,

You will recall that in the past weeks, I have been discussing with you the categories of priorities for diocesan projects. You will also recall that in outlining the three areas of concern which have been grouped together from the work of the Diocesan Pastoral Council, I made reference to "tentative" goals. They are tentative not because they could be judged unnecessary or unworkable, but because we must have additional income before we can undertake these projects,

Two years ago, I directed the financial officers of the diocese to present a balanced budget. I insisted that it was no longer possible to have deficit spending. This resulted in an arduous task of trimming our diocesan budget for the current fiscal year by about \$300,000 to a figure of slightly more than \$1 million. But in requiring this, I also



knew that we would have to cut back on services, and even more sad, not to initiate any of the new and vital programs that we have been mentioning.

We cannot enter into another fiscal year, however, without undertaking these new programs. We cannot as a Church simply hold the line and not give services which so many of our people need.

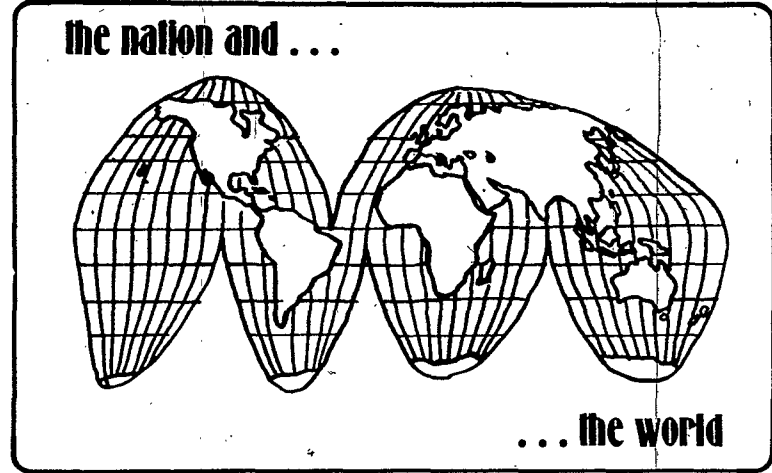
Thus we have established a Development Committee for the Diocese. These generous volunteers, headed by Mr. William E. Cutler and Mr. John H. Coleman, will work with Mr. Robert Odenbach, our newly appointed current gifts chairman, to raise additional funds for these new programs. Our needs call for \$300,000 for the first year and about one million dollars over the next five years so that we can lay the foundation for a long-range financial base to support our central services.

Let me assure you that I am not insensitive to the fact that people all over the diocese are experiencing rising costs and increased financial burdens. Nor do I overlook the fact that many are out of work. Some would say that this is not the time to ask for money. Others would say that the Church should never ask for money.

Our goal, I believe, is rather modest. A \$1 million fund amounts to approximately \$2 per Catholic in the diocese. We will be asking those persons who do have the means at the present time to be very generous.

Certainly, I would be happier never to have to make financial appeals! But I know that this is unrealistic. The Church cannot provide services without money. From the very beginning, it was necessary for Christians to contribute to the common purse in order that widows and orphans — people in need — might be cared for. And if we hesitate now, we will only run into deeper and more complicated financial problems in the future.

I began this letter by quoting to you from the prophet Ezekiel. I have tried to take these words seriously. As your watchman, I sound the trumpet. I give you warning. I present to you the needs of the future. And I am confident that in your typical generous way, you will act responsibly. Be assured that I am not launching a diocesan drive or campaign. The appeal will be made on a one-to-one basis and only to those who can afford to contribute. May God reward you!



From Courier-Journal Services

The National Conference of Catholic Charities has voted to change its name. It is now the National Catholic Charities Congress. Honest. But the NCCC did take some dramatic steps — it elected its first black president (Rashey B. Moten from Kansas City - St. Joseph, Mo.). And the NCCC executive director, Msgr. Lawrence Corcoran, denounced the Ford administration proposal that would take away food stamps from all persons whose incomes are above the poverty level. . . . In Boston, some 500 delegates to a national meeting of the Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commission, representing every U.S. diocese, voted to ask the U.S. bishops to reconsider the option that would allow Catholics to receive the Eucharist in the hand. They also asked the hierarchy to take steps to see that church music copyrights are honored.

South Vietnam has asked the United Nations to help repatriate foreigners still living in that country to their nations of origin. Saigon authorities said they are "responding to their aspirations to return" home. Americans are included among the group. . . . Chile claims that journalists will be free to investigate alleged human rights violations in Chile. The Chilean minister of justice, Miguel Schweitzer, also said that the Inter-American Human Rights Commission will be free to conduct an investigation — next Spring. . . . In Vatican City, Pope Paul VI received the new Cameroon ambassador to the Holy See, establishing full diplomatic relations between the Vatican and the West African republic.

Cesar Chavez's United Farm Workers (UFW) have captured 136 elections as of Oct. 27 to move ahead of the rival Teamsters union in the continuing elections among California field workers. The UFW has amassed 15,792 votes (48 per cent), Teamsters have won 90 elections, 8,987 (27 per cent). However, in races in which both the UFW and Teamsters are on the ballot, the Teamsters have won 56 to the UFW's 45. In some races one or other of the unions is represented against the option of no union at all. . . . Abortion on demand is "not an advance of woman's rights," according to a woman member of Congress who has introduced a resolution in Congress to amend the U.S. Constitution to guarantee the protection of all life. Rep. Leonor K. Sullivan of Missouri called the 1973 Supreme Court ruling liberalizing abortion an "exploitation of the very dignity of womanhood."

**Mission Day At Mercy High**

On Friday and Saturday, Nov. 14-15, Our Lady of Mercy High School will hold its annual Mission Day at 1437 Blossom Road.

The Mercy Alumnae Association will sponsor a

rummage sale booth. They are asking anyone who would like to donate any articles to please bring them to the Mercy Alumnae Office in Mother McCauley College on Nov. 12 from 7 to 9 p.m.

**Mother Teresa:**

**Answer to Poverty Is Love**

Washington, D.C. [RNS] — Diminutive Mother Teresa of Calcutta told an overflow crowd at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception here that the only way to serve the poor, the starving and the dying is to love them and that this must come about through "personal sacrifice."

She invited U.S. Catholics to join her and her order, the Missionaries of Charity, in the personal sacrifice necessary to discover Jesus Christ in the world's poor.

Speaking during a special 12 noon Mass in her honor (Oct. 26), she said, "I do not want you to give from your abundance, I want you to give until it hurts."

In explaining to the crowd why she and her followers — who today work in 60 Indian cities and in nine countries, including the U.S. — continue to live in poverty serving only the poor and dying, Mother Teresa spoke of her view of Jesus.

She said the death and resurrection of Christ occurred "so that you and I would have the joy in feeding him, clothing him, giving blood to him, making him wanted."

"That Jesus, that hungry Jesus for a lump of bread, that naked Jesus for clothes, that homeless Jesus for a house, that Jesus is around the world every



Mother Teresa of Calcutta, the famed missionary nun who founded the Missionaries of Charity, is presented with a gold miniature of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception by Bishop James Rausch, general secretary of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, during a Mass in her honor at the Shrine. (RNS)

place, even here in the United States looking up at you and me and asking, 'Did you love me?'"

Mother Teresa was in the U.S. for a variety for a variety of reasons, among them the acceptance of \$10,000 raised for her

order during the past few months at the national shrine. The money has been raised through the display at the shrine of Pope Paul's coronation tiara, which he gave away last November to help raise money to feed the hungry of the world.

**Courier Calendar**

St. Mary of the Lake, Ontario — Christmas Bazaar, Saturday, Nov. 8, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., 7-9 p.m., St. Pius Center, 200 Ridge Road, Ontario. Handiwork, home-made preserves, house plants, religious articles.

Our Lady of Mercy — The World of the Unicorn, third in four-part Life Issues series, 7-9-9:30 tonight, 6100 Denise Road Public.

St. John's, Spencerport — Parish Festival Nov. 7-9, featuring crafts, movies for children, refreshments.

Nativity, Brockport — Penny Social Nov. 9, 1:30-3:30 p.m., tickets from Catholic Daughters or at door.

Ss. Peter and Paul, Elmira — Reception given by Immaculate Heart Society, Monday evening, Nov. 10, for Bishop Dennis W. Hickey and those receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Sacred Heart Cathedral — Card party sponsored by Catholic War Veterans Auxiliary, 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7, rectory hall, tickets from Mrs. Trevor Durrant, 254-8979, or at door.

St. Jude — Marian League rummage sale this weekend, 5-8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7, 1-8 Saturday, 1-6 Sunday, parish center, 4100 Lyell Rd.

Holy Family — Memorial service for deceased Rosary Society members, 7-45 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 12, followed by

business meeting, bazaar. Speaker, Detective Albert Brunette Jr., presiding. Mrs. Brunette, vice president, hostess, Mrs. Stella McCombs. Donations for bazaar variety booth may be left at Pine Room during afternoon of Nov. 12, or earlier with Mrs. Harold Fahme, 244 Sunset.

St. William, Conesus — Flea market for benefit of parish, Sunday, Nov. 9, 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m., in Conesus Town Hall. Antiques, baked goods, plants, handicraft items.

Catholic Mission Guild — Meeting 1 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 12, at K of C, 513 Monroe.

McQuaid Bazaar — Sponsored by Parents' Club, 7-11 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Nov. 7, 8 at school, 8800 S. Clinton. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hayes, St. Rita's, West Webster, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Byrne, St. Louis, Pittsford, in charge.

Nazareth Academy Open House — For junior high girls, families and friends of students, 7-9 p.m. tomorrow, Nov. 6, 1001 Lake.

Commission for Children and Youth — Community meeting 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 11, Greece Town Hall, West Ridge at Long Pond Rd., for area residents to air views on education, health, legal, social services, economic problems.

Christmas Sale — Handmade gifts, flea market, quilts on sale. Doctors meeting

room, St. Joseph's Hospital, Elmira, 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., Thursday and Friday, Nov. 6-7.

Creative Opera — Co-sponsored by Rochester Association for the Education of Young Children and Barley School of Music, members of Barley School Creative Opera Studio present comic opera, Sweet Betsy from Pike, as bicentennial production. Greece YMCA, 7:30 Long Pond Road, 2:30 p.m. and 4:15 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 9; 2:30 p.m., 4:15 p.m., Unitarian Church, 220 S. Winton. Adults, \$1.50, children 75 cents.

Homemade TV — Portable Channel, 8 Prince St., public showing of its videotapes, 8 tonight, Nov. 5 Free.

Prism — 61+ minutes of music, non-stop, by Eastman Philharmonia, Jazz Ensemble, Chorale, Marimba Rag band and others performing from various parts of Eastman Theatre, 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7 Free.

On the Town — Musical comedy presented by Nazareth-St. John Fisher Drama Club, this weekend, Nazareth Arts Center, Curtain times 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Nov. 7, 8, also 1:30 p.m. Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday. Information 586-2420.

Eastman School Symphony Chamber Orchestra — Free concert 8:15 tonight, Nov. 5, Cutler Union, University Ave.

Pittsford Art Group — 12th annual exhibition opening with reception tonight at 8, Nazareth Arts Center, runs through Dec. 14. 9-9 weekdays, 9-5 weekends.