

Neediest Cases

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four years ago and she does not know where he is. Her greatest need is clothing and gifts which would brighten her daughters' Christmas.

8. Mrs. S. is faced with many problems. Her husband has been ill for some time and unable to work. She was employed, but laid off recently due to the economic recession. The family were forced to apply for Public Assistance. This family, especially the three boys, ages 12, 9 and 7, and the one daughter, age 7, need the generosity of others to help make their Christmas a "merry" one.

9. Mrs. W. is a very devoted mother who is trying to do a good job of rearing her four sons, ages 15, 13, 9 and 7. Her husband deserted just prior to the birth of the youngest child. Mrs. W. wants to be self-supporting but cannot become employed because she cannot leave her youngest child. This family exist on a low income and as their needs are many, they would greatly appreciate the generosity of concerned individuals.

10. Mrs. C. has been a widow for five years. She has seven children, ages 6 to 17. The family receives Social Security and Supplemental Public Assistance. In spite of the fact that Mrs. C's health is not good she has recently started work in order to support her family without the need for Public Assistance. The luxury of Christmas is not something the C. family would have been able to afford these last five years without the generosity of those who contribute to the Christmas fund.

11. The F's are a marginal income family with four sons. Mr. F. works hard at his job but does not make a large salary and many times they just make ends meet. Mrs. F. and one of the boys have a medical condition which require regular doctor's visits and costly prescriptions. Their income is just a bit over the allowance for Medicaid. Their Christmas would be very meager if it were not for those more fortunate and concerned neighbors who contribute to the Christmas fund.

12. Joan is a young woman who has a two-year-old child. She is working and fully providing for her child alone. She is a very warm and good mother and is doing a fine job in rearing her child. Joan receives little encouragement from relatives. She goes without many things herself to give the child what he needs. She would like to give the child some of the joy of Christmas but would not be able to do this without the encouragement of her neighbors who contribute to the Christmas Fund.

13. Mrs. C. is a mother of six, three of whom are adults and living out of the home and because of low incomes cannot help her. She has three children at home, a boy 12, a girl 10 and baby girl 12 months old. Mr. C. left the home three months before the baby was born. Because of this child, Mrs. C. cannot work outside the home. She and the children would welcome a dinner or any contribution that would make Christmas more joyful.

14. Mr. and Mrs. T. were a happy family even though Mr. T. cannot work because of a heart condition and their 13-year-old daughter is retarded. They also had two sons, age 18 and 16. This summer the 18-year-old son drowned. The family has not been able to reconcile themselves to this loss. Any kindness will help lighten their grief this Christmas.

15. Mrs. M. has five sons, the eldest is 12, the youngest is 7. Mr. M., who is mentally ill, left the home. He is unemployable. One of the sons is retarded and attends a special school. Mrs. M. exists on a very limited income. This summer their house burned and they lost almost all of their belongings. Any donations will help Mrs. M. and her sons have a Christmas to remember.

16. Mrs. B. has seven children, two girls, 17 and 11 years of age and five boys, ages 16, 15, 14, 12 and 7. The father is dead and the family barely exists on a sub-standard income. Mrs. B. is overwhelmed by her many problems. Any gifts would help her and the children to have an enjoyable holiday season.

17. F. is 87, in poor health, and has no living relatives. She is not able to shop for herself or take care of her own finances. Besides this she is very poor. In her apartment the furnishings are very sparse, very old and very fragile. To add to her problems, she is very shy and retiring, and so not able to seek the help she needs.

18. M. is 70, is very poor and has been ill for several years. Because of her arthritis, she has great difficulty in walking even with a cane. She also has heart trouble. Margaret has absolutely no relatives, so she never has visitors. Her social worker is the only person who ever pays her a visit, and she tries to do for her all the nice things that a family would do. This, of course, is impossible.

19. B. is 81 and lives in isolation. Her health is not good. She never goes anywhere except to the doctors. She claims that she wants to go out, but then she can never make up her mind as she is so fearful of everything. If you try to talk with her, you would immediately realize her fears. Besides these problems she also is very poor.

20. V. is 74, a stroke victim and very helpless. He has enough money to live, but is so lonely and so bad that your heart would go out to him. He will tell you that he has no children when he does have five. His children do nothing for him, and the house in which he lives does not give him the proper care.

21. Mrs. C. has recently moved to Rochester from Puerto Rico with her six children, ages 17, 15, 12, 9, 8 and 6. They have been finding it difficult to manage with such a large family, even to provide themselves with food and clothing for the cold winter months. They would greatly appreciate any assistance at Christmas.

22. Mr. and Mrs. M., a young couple with two children, ages 7 and 3, have recently moved here from Texas to look for work, which is proving to be very difficult to find. They are living with a relative, who is not able to provide everything they need.

23. Mr. B., a father of six children, had recently been hospitalized and will not be able to work for quite a while. His wife receives a small salary every two weeks. Even though he will be able to receive some assistance, it becomes difficult waiting for checks and often there is no food in the house and bills are due, regardless. This family will need moral support and help during the Christmas season and to know people care.

24. Mrs. F., an elderly diabetic woman, lives alone in an apartment which is often very cold and is in need of repairs. Because she is often ailing and finds it difficult to walk, she is not always able to provide necessities for herself such as food or proper shoes. She would greatly appreciate any generosity at Christmas.

25. C. and A. two grade school boys, come from a broken home. Their father has had a slow healing, badly broken leg. The family is on public assistance. They live in a poor neighborhood with no easily accessible recreational facilities. The children could use financial assistance to join the local recreational facility so that they could have something constructive to do after school a few days a week during the cold and snowy winter months.

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through Aug. 6, 1976 — the Friday of "Congress Week." Properly explained and appropriately celebrated, this Eucharistic devotion of expiation can become a channel of many graces for us all.

Study of the Eucharistic Liturgy may easily find place in parish programs and those of devotional and renewal groups throughout the year. Prayers for the spiritual success of this Congress should be regularly inserted among our "Prayers of the Faithful" in Liturgies between now and August. The Apostolic Delegate in his talk to the Bishop's Conference last week proposed, among other things, making again available from time to time Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament to strengthen devotion to the Eucharist and offer comfort to many people.

With these preliminary suggestions and the thoughts proposed in the statement which all my fellow bishops have given their name, I ask you to initiate from the present time until next August a period of spiritual preparation for our Eucharistic Congress.

With every best wish, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Joseph L. Hogan
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 Bishop of Rochester

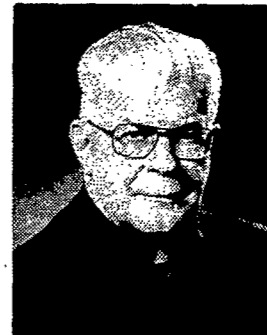
100 YEARS OLD

The church of the Holy Ghost will celebrate its 100th anniversary as the nation celebrates its bicentennial. A committee has been formed under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Dudley to plan for the celebration. A history of the church is being compiled by Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Young.

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