

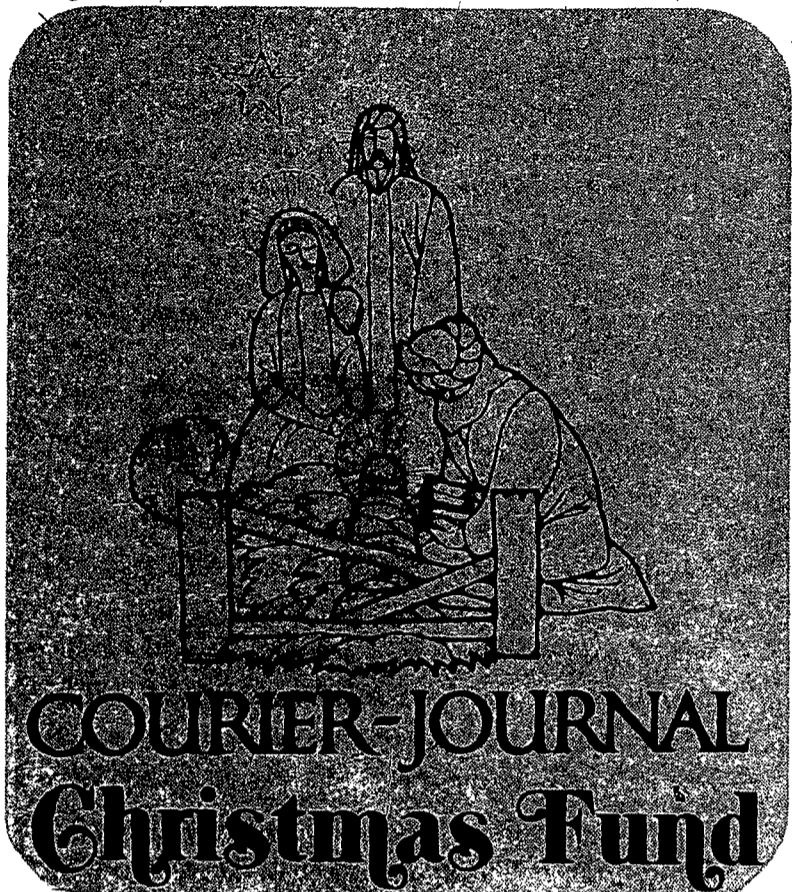
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Neediest Cases

26. Mrs. P., 62, a grandmother, takes care of her four grandchildren, ages six through fifteen. Their mother works a swing shift in order to support her children, the grandmother and herself. The father is absent from the home and has little to do with the children or the family. One of the boys is mentally retarded.
27. The R's. have a girl, seven, and a new born boy. All four members of the family sleep in the same bedroom in their three-room apartment. Mr. R. holds down a steady job in which there is little room for advancement, since he does not have a high school education. The family's spirits would very much be lifted if they were helped to make it through the cold Rochester winter.
28. Mr. and Mrs. D., an elderly couple, live in a lower income housing project. Both are disabled and have been for years. Mr. D., because of his inability to work, has resorted to drinking in order to hide his true feelings towards his present state. Mrs. D., on the other hand, has developed a serious nervous condition, some of which is due to Mr. D's constant needs because he is in a wheel chair and does not hear well. They do not have children.
29. E. and G. are sisters living in a very low income area of Rochester, who are facing terrible hardship at this time. E., age 21, has not worked for several months due to injuries received in a car accident. E. was self-supporting until the above injury; because of this she had to apply for public assistance. Shortly after E's sister, G. was pregnant and did not have the necessary funds to go and receive proper medical care.
30. Mrs. X and her seven children were burned out of their home and are now in need of basic necessities.
31. Mrs. B. is the mother of five daughters, ranging in age from 9 months to 15 years. Her husband deserted the family 10 months ago. Mrs. B. is receiving Public Assistance and is overwhelmed with problems of inadequate income plus being father and mother to a family of girls. This family will have a Happy Christmas only through the kindness of others more fortunate than they.
32. Mrs. D. is the mother of nine children who is barely meeting basic needs because of very limited income. The girls are 17, 13, 11 in age. The boys are 16, 15, 14, 9, 6 and 5. The two older children have tried to find part-time jobs but with no success. The father left the family five years ago.
33. Mrs. F. is a mother, divorced from her husband, with three children, a boy age 9, and two girls 11 and 7 years old. Because of her desire to be self-supporting, she is employed but earns a very small wage and too, she is upset that she has to be away from her home so much. This family have practically nothing so donations will be most welcomed by this family, especially at Christmas.
34. Mr. and Mrs. R. are facing difficult times. Mr. R., who was always self-supporting, has not worked in five months due to injuries received in an accident. They have three children; a boy,

BISHOPS MEETING

A further report on the meeting of the United States bishops in Washington, D.C., is on Page 19.

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They Need Your Help

The stark simplicity of this problems often dramatizes their plight more than any wordy description.

A woman is struggling to maintain herself and her daughters, 7 and 5. Her income is low, her husband deserted.

Another woman, also left by her husband, has four children and wants to be self-supporting but cannot leave her one-year-old.

Or just simply, a crippled, old and lonely man is facing a bleak future.

And all this at Christmastime, the most joyous time of the year for many of us.

These cases are taken directly from the list of 100 needy cases provided for the Courier-Journal Christmas Fund by the Catholic

Charities office.

So that such sidetracked persons may have a better Christmas the Courier-Journal seven years ago established an annual fund, in conjunction with Catholic Charities. Each year the fund has grown and in 1974 more than \$36,000 was collected from people throughout the diocese.

Though all of the 100 cases are true and are within the diocese, they represent only a small part of the caseload being attended to by Catholic Family Center. The persons described live in urban and rural settings. Any parish in the diocese with special requests is invited to contact Catholic Charities.

Readers may contribute to individual cases but because some may receive a great deal of attention and others none, Catholic Family Center must use

its expertise in distributing the aid so that as many as possible are helped.

Catholic Charities cannot accommodate gifts of toys, food or clothing. Two Rochester parishes, however, can accept toys and food — but not clothing. They are St. Michael's, 869 N. Clinton Ave.; and Immaculate Conception, 445 South Plymouth Ave.

Mail contributions early. The Post Office says that by avoiding the late mail rush your donations will be delivered more quickly. Remember, it is never too early.

Contributions should be sent to:

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



Pope Paul VI is surrounded by children during a special audience for youngsters at the Vatican. The text is on Page 3. (RNS)

PCNY Raises Question of Selections

New York City — The procedure for the selection of bishops in the United States was discussed at a recent meeting of the Priests Councils of New York, co-chaired by Cardinal Terence Cooke and Father James Marvin of Rochester, president of the PCNY.

Father Marvin presented the recommendations of the Canon Law Society of America. One provided that there would be a study of the conditions and needs of the diocese. These recommendations would be made by representatives of the total diocesan community.

Historically, the Holy See always has used a consultative process in the selection of bishops. A growing movement is

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Movement Organized For Women's Ordination

Detroit — The movement for the ordination of women to the Roman Catholic priesthood has become organized for the first time following an historic Thanksgiving weekend meeting here.

[Several persons from the Rochester diocese attended the conference and the Courier-Journal next week will have a full report.]

Some 1,200 delegates, most of them nuns, pledged to establish organizations to press for women in the priesthood at the meeting. According to the Washington Post, 250 women stood silently to signify their desire to become priests.

About 100 priests, brothers and other men attended, including two bishops, according to the New York Times. Bishop Carroll

Dozier of Memphis and Auxiliary Bishop Walter J. Schoenherr of the host city Detroit attended. The Times report said the bishops "seemed to indicate some sympathy for the movement but stopped short of saying so."

In September, Archbishop Joseph Bernardin, speaking for the bishops of the United States, reiterated the Church's stance that women cannot be ordained to the priesthood.

The Times also reported that "no one seemed hopeful of any quick victories" but "that a movement had been begun."

Sister Marjorie Tuite of the Jesuit School of Theology in Chicago said the meeting gave "visibility to the movement of Roman Catholic women in raising ordination to the level of an issue."