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## Misery Wears Many Faces -- From Very Young to Very Old

### Needy cases in centerfold

How would you describe human misery?

The simplest way is just to present the many guises under which it appears.

- \* Especially in a hungry child.
- \* In a run-down farmhouse no

longer able to protect itself or its inhabitants from winter.

- \* In the inability of proud people to pay for necessities.
- \* In crippling illness.
- \* In an inner-city house crawling with vermin.
- \* In a lonely old woman, family and friends gone.

And it's Christmastime. Especially at Christmas time. When such misery is played against the backdrop of lights and carols and merriment even it becomes accentuated.

The seventh annual Courier-Journal Christmas Fund, conducted in conjunction with Catholic Charities, hopes to alleviate some of these problems, not only to show someone cares at Christmas but in many instances to provide help that will last throughout the year.

Catholic Charities has provided the 100 neediest cases in the diocese to dramatize the effects of deprivation in our own area. All of the 100 cases are true and are within the diocese but they still only represent a small part of the caseload being attended to by Catholic Family Center. The persons described live in urban and rural areas. Any parish 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 share.

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

Christ's birthday is almost here. The time to help is now. Contributions should be sent to:

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

## DPC Applauds Bishop Hogan's New Pastoral

By MARTIN TOOMBS

Geneva — A round of spontaneous applause and a resolution to declare "profound thanks to Bishop Hogan" for his new pastoral directions document highlighted the Diocesan Pastoral Council [DPC] meeting last Sunday. The actions followed Bishop Joseph L. Hogan's presentation of the document to DPC members who received it enthusiastically.

Bishop Hogan, at the meeting at St. Francis DeSales School here Sunday, explained the writing of the statement, saying that "it was born in a moment of crisis" and that "hopefully this document will provide the vision needed for the future."

In receiving questions about the directive, Bishop Hogan was asked about the possibility of the permanent diaconate being open to women. Bishop Hogan said that he didn't want to complicate the document with the issue, but that he was receptive to the idea; what is needed is for more people to be receptive, especially those in the hierarchy.

The Bishop thanked Father Douglas Hoffman, and Father

Charles Mulligan for their assistance in writing the paper.

The council also discussed several issues involving the diocese, and many more concerning the operation of the council itself.

The council, in order to deal with some of its intramural problems voted to hold an interim meeting at the end of January. The next meeting had originally been scheduled for March 6.

Three major resolutions were passed, two from the Executive Committee and one from the Southeast Region. The first was a request from the Confirmation Task Force for the council to act as a collecting body for information from the diocese. A report will be given at the June meeting.

The second resolution concerned the need for committee appointments between DPC meetings. The Executive Committee asked for permission to appoint people if it was not possible for the appointments to come before the entire council. Several persons were concerned about the erosion of power from the council to the executive committee. More frequent meetings was suggested as one way to avoid these problems. After much discussion, the resolution passed.

The third resolution, from the Southeast Region, dealt with the need for ramps and doors suitable

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### NEXT WEEK:

#### Bishop's Pastoral Directions

Next week the Courier-Journal will print a special section, Bishop Hogan's Pastoral Directions, in which our Bishop outlines his hopes and anxieties in a special document in conjunction with the sixth anniversary of his ordination as bishop.

It will be printed as a pullout section so that it may be saved as a working document for life in the diocese.



### Charismatic Mass

Photos by Ben Susso

A Charismatic Mass is celebrated on the First Friday of every month at St. Lawrence Church, 1000 N. Greece Road. Last Friday, the guest celebrant was Father Michael F. Conboy, above. This was Father Conboy's second visit. Klaus Schultz, left, leader of the prayer group, leads the congregation in praising the Lord. Playing together for the first time as a group, below, are left to right, Reneta Schultz, Rick Pakusch, Maureen Maybee, Jack Cargill, and Carol Seelman.

