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Bishop Hogan's Gift for You

My dear People,

As Christmas approaches, I send to you my special greetings and blessing.

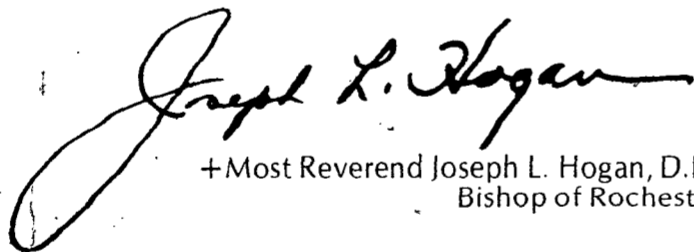
In the past few years, Christians throughout the United States have begun to make a concerted effort to de-emphasize the material preparations for Christmas. In a culture that is so bent on consumerism, we have urged one another to make simple preparations for this great feast of God's giving to us. More and more we are trying to fashion our own gifts, gifts that are not "things," but that are part of ourselves and which we lovingly share with our friends.

This is what I have done as my gift to you this Christmas. In this issue of the COURIER-JOURNAL, you will find a special section containing my Pastoral Letter. It is something that I have "made" for all of you. It tries to gather together many concerns of the diocese and to focus them into a vision that will help us to work together in the years to come. This work will help to spread the kingdom and to bring the presence of the Word Made Flesh to all men.

In this letter, I speak of the many units of this diocese as "living stones." I wish you to know that I am grateful to God for each of you. In this Christmas Season and throughout 1976, please know of my abiding prayers for your peace.

With a blessing, I remain

Devotedly yours in Christ Our Saviour,

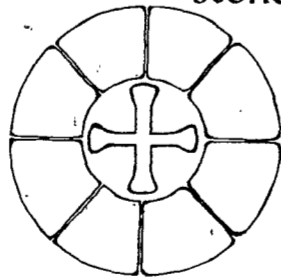


+Most Reverend Joseph L. Hogan, D.D.
Bishop of Rochester

The Bishop's Document

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan has issued a special document outlining his pastoral directions for the diocese. Designed as a working paper, the document should be studied and saved for future planning and direction for everyone in the diocese.

The eight-page special section may be found in the center of the newspaper and is designed as a pullout for future reference.



PASTORAL LETTER
MOST REVEREND JOSEPH L. HOGAN, D.D.
28 NOVEMBER 1975

The Response: Love, Sacrifice

Funny thing about Christians: they love one another. Perhaps at no other time in the Church year is this so demonstrable as Christmas.

A good indicator of this is the occasional note accompanying a donation to the Courier-Journal Christmas Fund received at Catholic Charities.

The notes generally indicate a sacrifice involved in making a contribution, from a small comfort not purchased to the cost of an evening meal refrained from.

We have heard that one family has sent in the money they ordinarily would have spent on Christmas cards.

Another note was from a past recipient of the Christmas Fund, now financially able to return in kind the goodness of others.

Many social groups have eliminated their traditional gift exchange to help those less fortunate than themselves. We have even heard of some downtown offices curtailing their holiday parties in order to donate to the fund.

For the past several weeks the Courier-Journal, with Catholic Charities help, has presented a sampling of the poverty of our brothers and sisters here in the diocese. And for the past several weeks contributions testifying to the generosity of our readers have been pouring in.

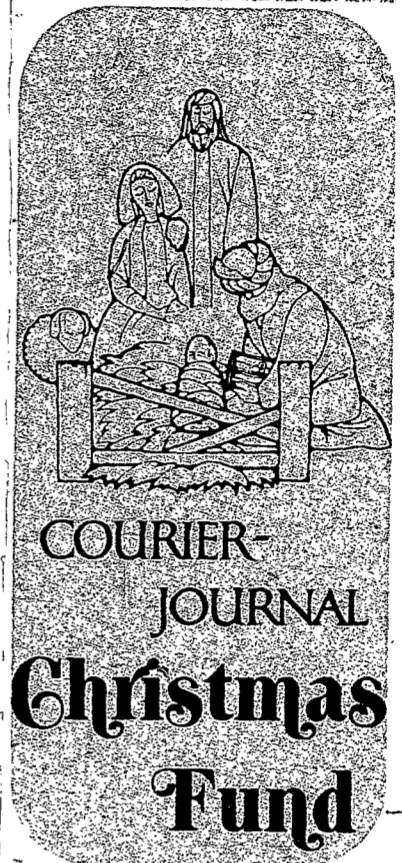
And, it should be remembered that in detailing the neediest cases in these pages, the Courier-Journal has simply turned the spotlight on the misery that Charities workers encounter day in and day out, year after year.

And while the stories below are accurate in detail, contributors are asked to understand that particular cases which appeal to them may attract a lot of money, while others may not.

Catholic Charities therefore will use its discretion to help as many people as possible with the fund.

The office is not able this year to accept gifts of food, toys 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

Neediest Cases

76. Mr. and Mrs. R. and their nine children were suddenly homeless because of a fire that ruined nearly all of their possessions. The family has had financial difficulties and problems getting their home back together again. The house still needs a great deal of work. A gift at Christmas would make Christmas a little merrier.

77. Mrs. M. and her two children, age seven and nine, are back together again. Mrs. M. has been hospitalized and the children in foster homes. The family is in need of almost everything. The Christmas Fund gift would be a great help to this family.

78. Mr. D. has been a good steady worker, a good father and provider for his five children. He has been unemployed for more than a year. The family will soon be on full welfare unless he is

called back to work at a major industry. This family would truly appreciate a little help.

79. Mrs. S. and her six children are alone. Mrs. S. has been hospitalized for the past year. Mrs. S. is working part-time as well as caring for the children ranging in age from fourteen to six years of age. The family faces a very poor Christmas unless they receive help.

80. Mr. F. has recently suffered from a stroke which brought an abrupt halt to his previously active schedule. He lives alone, determined to maintain his independence. A Christmas remembrance would brighten his day and provide encouragement for the New Year.

81. After spending some time in the hospital recovering from an operation, Mrs. H. has

returned to her apartment where she is able to enjoy more independence. Meeting her regular monthly expenses leaves little left for any "extras." To be remembered at Christmas would add a measure of joy to her life.

82. Mrs. N. lives in a very sub-standard apartment which takes a large bite out of her limited income to heat and maintain. While awaiting placement in senior citizen housing, she is trying to stretch her dollars to meet the added expense that comes with a Rochester winter.

83. One day is just like another for Mr. and Mrs. T. both in their late 70s. Mrs. T. spends all of her time at home taking care of her husband who has just undergone eye surgery. A Christmas

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Father Haffey Dies In Rochester

Father Joseph P. Haffey, 68, retired pastor of St. Ignatius Loyola Church in Hornell, died Dec. 9, 1975, in St. Mary's Hospital. He had spent the past four years at St. Ambrose, Rochester.

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan offered the Mass of Christian Burial there last Saturday. The homily was given by one of Father Haffey's seminary classmates, Father Bernard C. Newcomb, pastor of St. Cecilia's, Rochester. On the previous evening, the Mass of Christ the High Priest was celebrated at St. Ambrose by Auxiliary Bishop John E. McCafferty.

Although Father Haffey had retired because of poor health, his final illness lasted but a day, a colleague reported.

Father Haffey was named pastor of St. Ignatius in June 1957. From June 1954 he had been pastor of St. Mary's, Rexville, and St. Joachim, Canisteo. Earlier assignments, as an assistant, were at St. Mary's, Elmira; Holy Cross, Rochester; St. Paul of the Cross, Honeoye Falls, and St. Catherine's, Mendon; St. Aloysius, Auburn, and St. Joseph's, Cayuga.

He was born Nov. 3, 1907 in Rochester, attended Immaculate Conception School and the diocesan seminaries and was ordained June 10, 1934.

Survivors are two brothers and a sister, James, John and Loretta, and several nieces and nephews.



FATHER HAFHEY