

A Bridge to Tomorrow

Diocesan Lay Leaders Seek Special Program Funds For Parishes, Poor, Youth, Elderly

In a low-profile effort, a small group of laymen is seeking funding for special diocesan needs which cannot be financed through existing income-producing activities.

Principal beneficiaries of proposed special services will be the parishes, the poor, youth and the elderly.

Spearheading the effort is the Diocesan Development Committee, which is looking for monies to "bridge the gap" between the immediate need to implement the special programs and the period before expected funding through endowment.

After months of study the Committee evolved a master plan to provide money for the programs "if today's and tomorrow's Catholics are to be adequately served." It is a two-phase plan.

A long-range plan for funding for future needs of the special services — establishment of an Endowment Fund which hopefully within a few years will provide in annual interest the finances necessary to carry them on.



Receiving the gifts

"We cannot delay; we cannot as a Church simply hold the line and not give services which so many of our people need.

"If we hesitate now, we will only run into deeper and more complicated financial problems in the future. We are asking those who have the means at the present time to be most generous. I am confident that our people, in their typically generous way, will act responsibly."

Proposed Programs

The bishop noted that bishops throughout the country are now placing emphasis on the development of service programs and personnel rather than on brick and mortar construction.

Special programs — some new ones and some requiring expansion — were listed as follows:

Parishes—ongoing education for priests and religious and special training for lay leaders and parish councils;

The Poor—urban indigents, rural migrants and the minorities;



The Ministry of Sacraments

receiving new access to the healing power of the Church;

Youth—through greater support for the college campus ministry, subsidizing tuition for children of the poor in Catholic high schools; expansion of religious programs among teenagers, as well as elementary pupils in both public and private schools;

The Elderly—by training professionals who will bring supportive religious programs to our older communicants.

First-Year Costs Listed

The programs were grouped under three headings and first-year costs were listed as follows:

Continuing Education For—

PARISH LAY LEADERS	\$ 40,000
PRIESTS: through sabbaticals, continuing in-service education, and internship	\$ 20,000
DEACONS: education for the permanent diaconate	\$ 10,000
PARENTS: programs of renewal	\$ 5,000
ELDERLY: religious care	\$ 20,000
Ministry To Youth—	
COLLEGE CHAPLAINCIES	\$ 15,000
HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS	\$ 30,000
TEENAGERS: teen seminars, expanded youth programs, staffing for programs to inner city youth; expansion of pre-cana to outlying areas	\$ 50,000
PUBLIC SCHOOLS: exploration is needed with public officials on the objective non-denominational study of religion in public education, and for public school chaplaincies	\$ 8,500
Pastoral Administration Through—	
REGIONAL SERVICES	\$ 50,000
URBAN AND BLACK MINISTRY	\$ 25,000
RESEARCH FOR PARISHES	\$ 10,000
OPERATIONAL SUPPORT PLANS	\$ 10,000
ADMINISTRATION COSTS	\$ 23,480
TOTAL	\$316,980



Special Ministries

"A Bridge To Tomorrow"

In presenting its master plan, the Diocesan Development Committee stated:

"The winds of change blow fiercely. People, governments and institutions affecting our lives are all facing new challenges, new lifestyles, new needs.

"The Diocese of Rochester is one of these institutions which must meet the needs of its members, as they are affected by changing times. We recognize, too, not only the new needs of today but the necessity to make adequate provision for the needs of tomorrow.

"The demand that the diocese provide continuity, while updating programs and services for its people and its parishes, is also obvious.

"At the same time the diocese is enduring the effects of the inflationary spiral on finances. Rather than being able to expand programs to meet today's demands, it has had to introduce economies in some of its operations and to cut back on appropriations for some of its departments.

"How, then, will the diocese be able to allocate funds for today's important new needs and, in addition, fund services which it knows will be required within the next five to ten years?

"Bishop Joseph Hogan and his advisers have given many months of study to this challenge. They have faced the reality that the successful implementation of effective programs depends on the availability of sufficient funding.

"With the bishop, many leaders of the diocese have carved out a



Service to Our People

Master Plan for Development, designed to meet both present and future needs.

The Master Plan might be termed 'Bridging the past to the future for the Diocese of Rochester.' As can be seen, these are specifically Church-related programs unique to the needs of the Catholic community.

"It is not Bishop Hogan's intent to conduct an organized campaign for contributions to the fund nor to invade the income potential of the parishes. The Development Committee will seek the cooperation of a selected list of people and groups throughout the diocese who might be in a position to support the plan over and above their parish support."



Meeting Our Youths' Needs

Centennial Church Lists Celebrations

Coldwater's Holy Ghost Church, this year celebrating its centenary, has listed the following events in its anniversary observance:

Weekend, May 29/30—Walk through of Holy Ghost School, Centenary projects (after Masses, before concert).

Sunday, May 30, 7:30 p.m.—Concert in church featuring music of the period (1876-1976). Refreshments in the hall.

Monday, May 31, 10 a.m.—Mass for deceased, pastors, sisters, teachers and parishioners. Blessing of Graves. Coffee and doughnuts in the hall.

Thursday, June 3, 10:45 a.m.—Mass for school children, Holy Ghost

and C.C.D. followed by picnic lunch on the grounds, 8 p.m.—Dramatic presentation, Gates-Chili High School auditorium.

Saturday, June 5, 8:30-11:30 p.m.—Dance for teenagers in the hall.

Sunday, June 6, 11:30 a.m.—Centenary Mass with Bishop John McCafferty, 5:30 p.m.—Happy hour and dinner dance for adults at Mapledale Party House.

Friday and Saturday, July 16/17—Centenary Float on display for festival.

Saturday, July 24—Float in Gates Bicentennial Parade.

Sunday, Oct. 17—Twilight Service marking 100th Anniversary of Holy Ghost and Church of the Epiphany.

Pre-retirees Form Model Cities Club

A successful open house for pre-retirees at the Senior Citizens of Model Cities has resulted in the formation of a group of people over 45 years young. The group will be meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesdays in the center, at 33 Hollister St.

Sara LiVecchi, program director, noted that "this group of people don't have available as wide a scope of activities as youth does or even as senior citizens do."

The program at the senior

citizens center each week includes ceramics, sewing, knitting, and woodworking classes; a grocery shopping trip on Fridays, and a school for senior citizens on Wednesday mornings. A special "mystery event" is scheduled for Saturday, May 29, from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The center, open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., also provides referral services and emergency transportation. Further information can be obtained by contacting Sara LiVecchi, at the center, 342-7530.



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Inauguration this year of an annual "Bishop's Special Appeal" to bridge the gap between immediate needs and expected endowment funding. Goal of this year's appeal is \$320,000.

Both Bishop Joseph L. Hogan and the Development Committee have stressed that the immediate project, titled "A Bridge To Tomorrow," will be conducted in a low-key fashion, to avoid competition with parish income and other diocesan fund activities.

To this end the persons to be solicited for help will be limited to those considered to have substantial capabilities.

General chairman of the Development Committee is John H. Coleman. Thomas E. Byrne heads the Endowment Committee, with vice-chairmen for Monroe County including Eugene Cusker, Elliott Horton, Louis Langie, Anthony Palermo, Saverio Vasile and Frank Wolfe.

Heading the Current Gifts Committee is Robert C. Odenbach, with William G. McDonnell as associate chairman for Monroe County. Regional heads for the county are Dr. Paul Catan, Philip DiPasquale, Victor Hadeed, Ted Halpin and James J. Lane.

Small committees are being formed in regional areas of the other 11 counties of the diocese.

Bishop Asks Immediate Action

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