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## So That They, Too, Can Enjoy Christmas

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A mother of five, deserted by her husband, is trying to support her family through a small disability check. She is too ill to work or even to keep up her small rural home. A 22-year-old, confined to a wheel chair, takes up all her mother's time caring for her. Her mother can't work as a result.

During the Christmas season the serious problems of these people and others like them are even more tragic.

While most of us look forward to this most joyous time of giving and receiving many people fight simply to survive. So that these people may have a better Christmas the Courier-Journal established an annual fund in conjunction with Catholic Charities, eight years ago.

Each year Catholic Charities

provides the Courier-Journal with a list of 100 needy cases.

Though all cases are true and are within the diocese, they represent only a small part of the caseload being attended to by the 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.

The Catholic Charities office is not able to accommodate gifts of clothing, food or toys. Non-perishable food items and toys may

be left at St. Michael's, 869 N. Clinton Ave., and at Immaculate Conception, using the Edinburgh Street side of the school; non-perishable food at Mount Carmel, 60 Woodward St., but call in advance to arrange your delivery. Also, many parishes throughout the diocese accept non-perishable food items. We advise anyone interested to contact his own parish. All contributions should go to:

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

This year, because of the UPS strike, the U.S. Postal Service reports that their volume of mail is much greater than previous Christmas Seasons. So contributions must be mailed early to be more effective.

## DPC to Form Committee For Selection of Bishop

By MARTIN TOOMBS

Canandaigua — The Diocesan Pastoral Council (DPC) approved the formation of a committee "with a specific task of drafting a procedure of selection of a Bishop for Rochester," at its meeting Saturday. The process, explained by Father James Marvin, president of the Priests Council, will involve a committee collecting information on diocesan needs, and determining what type of person would best serve as bishop.

The council also heard presentations about ministry to divorced and separated Catholics, and the Detroit "Liberty and Justice for All" conference.

Father Marvin told the council that the DPC, as the most representative of the three councils, was being asked to be the "parent group" for the bishop selection committee, which would be ongoing. He said that much of the information such a committee would need is available, but not collected. He also noted another purpose of such a study — a serving bishop could use the report to examine his own service. He also noted that the intention of Bishop Joseph L. Hogan that the committee name candidates will be set aside, because a move by Bishop Hogan towards allowing the procedure, was defeated at the National Conference of Catholic Bishops (NCCB) meeting earlier this month.

The motion to set up the committee, approved unanimously, means that the DPC chairman, Joseph Mercier, will name a convener to form the committee.

Sister Kathleen Kircher, coordinator of ministry to divorced and separated Catholics, spoke to the DPC, to "ask your guidance in the expansion of this important ministry." She and Father James

Lawlor explained the purposes of their work with divorced and separated persons, and the progress of the ministry in the diocese. To illustrate the increasing problem, Father Lawlor asked all those who know of someone involved in a divorce to raise their hands; nearly the entire council did. He then asks how many knew such a person 10 years ago. Only a few responded.

Bishop Hogan noted that a confidential document on divorce

was distributed at the NCCB meeting. He said the document gave the statistic of three million divorced Catholics who are remarried without Church approval. Work to prevent marriage problems is also important, Bishop Hogan said, so that persons will enter marriage with a "mature" outlook.

Father Joseph Jankowiak, DPC member, discussed the recent

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## Fr. Simpson Dies, Priests 67 Years

Father Edward B. Simpson, who was pastor of St. Francis parish in Phelps for nearly half a century, died Nov. 18, 1976, at St. Ann's Home. He was 91 years old and had been a priest for 67 years.

The church that Father Simpson built in Phelps in 1931 was the scene of his funeral rites last Sunday night and Monday morning. Bishop John E. McCafferty was principal celebrant of the evening Mass of Christ the High Priest and Bishop Joseph L. Hogan of the Mass of Christian Burial. Homilists, respectively, were Msgr. J. Emmett Murphy, pastor of Holy Apostles, and Father Simpson grew up, and Msgr. John F. Duffy, St. Francis pastor.

Father Simpson had two jobs in his long lifetime. Ordained June 12, 1909, he was assigned to St. Andrew's Seminary as a teacher of Latin and other subjects. Ten years later he was appointed to the Phelps pastorate, and there he stayed until 1967, when, at the age of 82, he resigned and bought himself a house in the village.

His former students and other

friends tend to speak of Father Simpson as "a character." When he finally had to leave his "home town" and check in at St. Ann's they say an important item in his gear was a manual typewriter, on which he continued a voluminous correspondence.

Father Simpson was born Oct. 15, 1885, in Rochester. At the age of 80, he was "Man of the Year" in Phelps, by Lions Club proclamation.

An oft-told story from the early 1920s gives him credit for routing the Ku Klux Klan by turning the other cheek. He was scheduled to give a dedicatory address at the high school, the story goes. Tacking onto a parade that was part of the celebration, he marched with a few klansmen who were out to protest his appearance at a public school function. Whatever the conversation along the way, it is said that there was no neighborhood klansman after that.

Father Simpson's survivors are the children of his brother, the late Dr. Leo Simpson: Mrs. Robert Simmons and Leo Simpson.



BISHOP HARRISON

## New Bishop of Syracuse Has Many Rochester Ties

Washington, D.C. (RNS) — Bishop David F. Cunningham of Syracuse, N.Y., has resigned as bishop of the New York see for reasons of age and Pope Paul has named Auxiliary Bishop Francis J. Haughey of Syracuse to succeed him. It was announced here by Archbishop John J. Jodan, Apostolic Delegate in the U.S.

Bernard's Seminary Alumni Association. Two of his three sisters are "local" by marriage, and four of five nieces and the sole nephew live in this area.

Bishop Harrison, auxiliary in the Diocese of Syracuse since 1971, is 64 years old and in the 40th year of his priesthood. He was graduated from St. Bernard's in 1937.

In response to a Courier-Journal query, his sister, Rita Teller of Irondequoit, divulged some details

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The new bishop of Syracuse, Francis James Haughey, has been appointed outside the St.