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So Ingt 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 in-dividual cases but because some may receive a great deal of at-tention 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:

20 Cents

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 con-Christmas Seasons. tributions must be mailed early to be more effective.

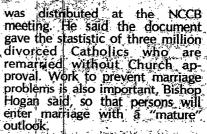


By MARTIN TOOMBS

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

The council also heard Fr. Simpson Dies, divorced and separated Catholics; and the Detroit "Liberty and Justice" for All" conference.

awlor 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.



Father Joseph Jankowiak, DPC Bishop Hogan noted that a member, discussed the recent confidential document on divorce Continued on Page 2

BISHOP HARRISON New Bishop of Syracuse Has Many Rochester Ties

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Berhard'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 Counter-Journal query, his sister, Rita Tollier, of represents, dividend some details Gentlement on Proc 2

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 candi-dates will be set asied, because a move by Bishop, Hogan, towards allowing the procedure was de-feated at the National Conference of Catholic Bishops. (NCCB)

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

meeting earlier this month:

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

His former students and other

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, where 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.

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 off-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 klan after that.

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