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## DPC Okays All Diocesan 'Action' Planks

By MARTIN TOOMBS

Canandaigua—The only "Call to Action" resolution defeated by the diocese's parishes and regions, calling for the bishops to affirm their position against capital punishment, was approved by the Diocesan Pastoral Council (DPC) at its special meeting Saturday.

The other 11 resolutions, approved by a majority of the diocese's parishes and regions, were approved by the DPC, often by wide margins. The DPC also considered 53 amendments to the 12 resolutions that were offered by the regions.

The meeting, during which 38 votes were taken, consisted of more discussion of the amendments offered than of the issues; members appeared to know how they wanted to vote on the central issues involved.

The vote approving the request that the bishops "re-emphasize the necessity of abolishing capital punishment" was the closest

of the day, 18 to 8, with four abstentions. Discussion of the issue dealt with the use of capital punishment and a comparison with killing in war. Father Douglas Hoffman noted that the intent of the Detroit resolutions was that violence should not be met with violence. Others pointed out the difference between self-defense and a planned execution.

The resolution changed most by the amending process concerned the selection of bishops and pastors. To the call for a process for local selection of bishops and pastors, the council added a statement proposed by the Southwest Region, "that a method for the removal of a bishop or pastor (who is not adequately serving the Christian community) be developed," by a vote of 20 to 9, with two abstentions.

Discussion of the resolution concerning diocesan aid to Catholic schools raised the possibility of Catholic

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## Support Chest, Bishop Asks

My dear People:

The United Community Chest Campaign for the Greater Rochester Area is in process right now trying to raise adequate funds for human care services to reach out and help those in need. The Greater Rochester Community has created the chest as one way to fulfill our shared mission of practical love for one another.

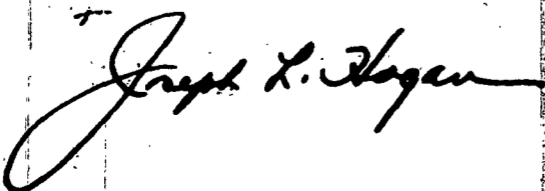
Among the many agencies supported by the chest are our own Catholic Charities agencies: Catholic Youth Organization, the Catholic Family Center, Charles Street Settlement House, DePaul Clinic and the Genesee Settlement House.

I pray that the overall campaign will be successful so that all agencies can live up to their commitments in 1977-1978. The Community Chest Goal this year presents a great challenge to our generosity. For example, our own Catholic Charities agencies have received pre-campaign allocations of more than \$1,300,000 to minister to the social and health care needs of people.

This year I appeal to your generosity to support the United Community Chest. Thank you for what you have given in the past and what you will give to this year's drive.

With every best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,



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



Photos by Anthony J. Costello

Bishop Hogan, Father Hohman and Sisters Josette and Catherine pay a visit to a rural farm in Wilcox County near Selma, Ala.

## Bishop Hogan Visits Selma

By ANTHONY J. COSTELLO

Selma, Ala. — After two days visiting here, a group of diocesan officials headed by Bishop Joseph L. Hogan has been left with two basic impressions — first a genuine sense of shock at the poverty and segregation which still exists and second a great feeling of admiration for the work being performed by the Sisters of St. Joseph from Rochester and other missionaries.

Bishop Hogan and his party are touring missions staffed by personnel from this diocese. The bishop feels the tour was particularly appropriate at this time when missionaries throughout the world are being oppressed, persecuted and even put to death.

"The bishop found it imperative to show diocesan support and community directly with our own missionaries and indirectly with those everywhere," said Father Joseph Reinhart, diocesan director of the missions who is accompanying Bishop Hogan on the tour.

Also with the bishop here are Father Louis Hohman, pastor of St. Vincent's in Churchville; Father Michael Conboy, secretary to the bishop, and Anthony J. Costello, general manager of the Courier-Journal.

The group spent a half-day touring with the Sisters on their rounds in the rural ministry, visited the Edmundite Mission house, Good Samaritan Hospital, and Queen of Peace parish where the sisters reside.

Diocesans working here are Sister Catherine Martin who has three sisters, Mrs. Joseph Fischer and Misses Rita and Lillian Martin in Rochester; Sister Josette

Capozzi, daughter of Mrs. Joseph Capozzi of Elmira; Sister Maureen Finn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Finn of Webster, and Sister Albertine Devereaux, who has a brother and sister in Connecticut.

Also living with the sisters is Sister Barbara Denny, a Sister of Mercy from Vermont.

The group visited the Edmundite Fathers mission house which is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year. The Edmundites own Good Samaritan Hospital which used to be staffed by SSJs but which now has only a chaplain serving as religious on the staff.

The Edmundites feel that the hospital has had the

greatest single impact of all their projects here. It employs some 111 people, most of them black and through salaries and the purchase of goods pumps some \$200,000 into the local community annually.

The Edmundites have also established a federal credit union which has 1,700 members and which over its 26 years has fostered economic independence and self-respect in the black community.

In addition the mission helps the Freedom Quilting Bee, a sewing cooperative in neighboring Wilcox County.

While making "rounds" of Sister Josette's rural ministry along with her and

Sister Catherine, the bishop's group visited that cooperative, the hospital, and the homes of people served by the missionaries.

The sisters handle human problems of a wide spectrum. They handle Social Security problems, secure food stamps, search out birth certificates, bring food and clothing to the needy, visit the sick in homes and hospital, and assist in running the parish, mission house and the sewing cooperative. But perhaps their main service is in holding hands with the destitute.

The variety of their work is as vast as the wide open countryside they must traverse on rural rounds and

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Sister Josette, Sister Catherine and Bishop Hogan chat with Miss Cealy Wilcox, 92, and her son Joe Edwards, 72, at their farm place in Alberta, in Selma's neighboring Wilcox County.