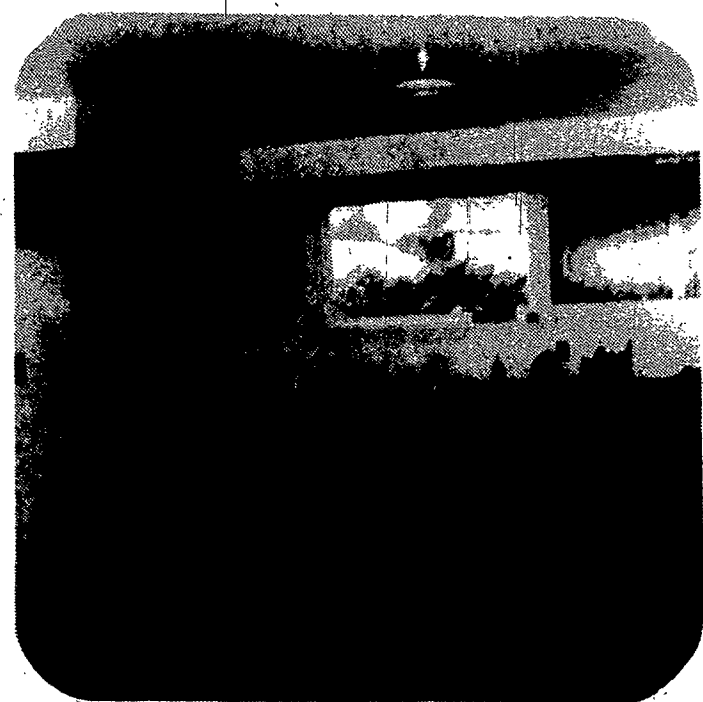


Before



As part of the rehabilitation of the home in Dundee, workmen refurbished both the interior and exterior. Above, left to right, are a bedroom and the kitchen before work began. Below photos show the effects of the refurbishing.

After



Housing Unit Going Strong

The Bishop Sheen Housing Foundation has put another family into a home of its own, this time in Dundee. The foundation performed the same service

14 times last year and more than 100 times in the 10 years of its existence.

The foundation helps low and moderate income

curb or completely curtail the intake of our favorite sweet.

We would laugh scornfully at those whose addendum was "but not on Sunday" even while knowing full well that if we deprived ourselves of, say, chocolate, we would up the consumption of some other treat to compensate.

The Church in her wisdom turned us away from this form of Lenten devotion some years ago. The emphasis is and has been for a long time on positive acts, of giving instead of giving up.

In my mind I go over all the things I meant to do anyway during the year but have bogged down in writing faithfully to housebound relatives, actually listening to my children, and being firmer with the cynic that dwells within.

On Ash Wednesday we put together the little cardboard chest for Operation Breadbox, handed out at Mass the Sunday before. It will stay on the kitchen table throughout reminding us that we eat better than 99 percent of the rest of the world and that to contribute daily is but one tiny measure of our concern for others. But mostly it will remind us that while we have been blessed with material things they are not for our use alone.

families directly through its home-ownership loans for down payment and closing costs in order to buy a home. It also helps indirectly through its projects loans to other "not-for-profits" for money needed to rehabilitate or build homes.

Families who were overcrowded, overcharged and underhoused are now in decent homes throughout the diocese, thanks to the foundation's no-interest loans.

Involved in the most recent project was a loan of \$15,000 in interim financing to Program Funding for Project BEST providing multiple benefits, including job training for workers who rehabilitated a home in need of major renovation, for sale to a family for cost of purchase and materials alone. BEST is a coordination of efforts of the Yates County Employment and Training Administration, Program Funding and Wayne Finger Lakes BOCES.

The Sheen Foundation does not get involved in either the real estate or mortgage transactions.

A second house in the Yates County area is in the works and the Sheen

Foundation has reserved \$18,000 for the project.

The foundation is run by a volunteer board of directors, with one paid staff person. Its funding is through tax deductible contributions from individuals, community groups and parishes. It also has a no-interest loan from the diocese.

Anyone wishing further information should contact the foundation at 790 W. Main St. Rochester, N.Y. 14611 or by telephone at 716-326-8860 or 716-328-6400.

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Regional Highlights

Tompkins-Tioga Region

Nominations for delegates to the Diocesan Pastoral Council (DPC) are now being collected in the Tompkins-Tioga Region. Each parish will select one person and send the name to Father Albert Cason, regional coordinator. Father Cason has requested that these nominations be sent in as soon as possible. The election for DPC delegates will take place at the April 15 regional assembly.

The April 15 assembly will also discuss Bishop Hogan's goals for the diocese which were described in "Focus on the Year 1977-78." Parish councils in the regions are now studying the document to see how the individual parishes can establish goals of their own which will work toward the attainment of the Bishop's goals.

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ALL IN THE FAMILY



Sarah Child

Every year at this time I reminisce about the Lenten days of childhood.

There were the Wednesday and Friday night services which nobody in our house missed unless he had a broken leg or was under three years of age.

Mostly though I remember the "giving up" we all subscribed to in recognition of the season.

Catholics and Protestants alike "gave up" something during the 40 days between Ash Wednesday and Easter in our small hamlet and all the kids, at least, were very vocal about their self-imposed deprivations.

There was always at least one clown who promised to deny himself watermelon during the wintry interim and my younger brother would usually report that some of his six-year-old friends would forgo the therapeutic ventilation of "swearing" for the period.

Most of us, however, more diet-minded than Christ-like, would vow to