



Urban poverty

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sort is going on in St. Bridget's Parish on the east side of Rochester. The Bishop Sheen Housing Foundation, established ten years ago, gives no-interest loans to people to be used as down payments on purchasing a home. Many times the poor cannot amass the money needed for a down payment and this no-interest loan enables them to move out of apartments and into their own homes. Bishop Sheen Housing Foundation has helped approximately 70 families over the five year period.

Social Change — Bishop Hogan issued a pastoral letter on the subject of housing in the City of Rochester. We have attached a copy of this letter which speaks for itself. The Bishop Sheen Housing Foundation and the Office of Human Development would back legislation calling for the availability of mortgage money from the banks and in general trying to begin again the housing programs that were slowed on the national level during the Nixon Administration. Further, the Bishop Sheen Housing Foundation will fund community housing groups who may either rehabilitate or provide new housing in the community. One project of this sort renovates houses in the Corning Area using the money loaned by the foundation to purchase the materials and then sells them at cost to families who purchase them as their homes. Father Dunn, St. Theodore's Parish,

has taken advantage of a Federal Program and built a high-rise for older persons. Father Marvin of St. Ambrose Parish has received a HUD Grant to explore the possibility of transforming his convent into communal living situations for older people. The Office of Human Development is in touch with older persons living in high-rise apartments attempting to get them into an organization which can speak to management concerning conditions and prices.

C. Centers of Health Assistance
The diocese in cooperation with the religious orders of the diocese and Catholic Charities, sponsors the following health-care institutions:

1. St. Mary's Hospital — an Acute Care Hospital in the City of Rochester
2. St. James Hospital — an Acute Care Hospital in the City of Hornell
3. St. Joseph's Hospital — Acute Care Hospital in the City of Elmira

Mental Health Centers
DePaul Clinic is an agency of Catholic Charities which offers a broad range of mental health services to adults and children in a segment of Monroe County.

Geriatric Centers
St. Ann's Home — the largest home for the aged in the Rochester area combined with a health related facility



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which provides apartment living for older people.

The Mercy Extended Care Unit, Auburn, New York

Chaplaincy Services in Medical Facilities
The Diocese of Rochester provides the following chaplaincy service to secular institutions in the area:

1. Three Acute Care Hospitals in the Rochester Area
2. Two Psychiatric Hospitals — one in Rochester and one in Seneca County
3. Developmental Institutions (institutions which specialize in helping

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