

# Give THE Gift Missioner Begs

Father Joseph F. Reinhart has taken the idea of giving Christmas presents one step further.

Father Reinhart, diocesan director of the Propagation of the Faith, is this year using the theme of Christmas gifts as he conducts his 1978 Christmas Appeal for the Missions.

"Gifts are so much a part of Christmas," he said.

"The herald angels gave the Christ Child their song, the shepherds their belief, the animals their warmth, the star its light, Mary and Joseph their love."

"In every case," he observed, "the gift was something precious and unique."

However, he said, sometimes gifts turn out to be "something bought quickly because it is ex-

pected or something anonymous that anyone could give."

Father Reinhart cited Ralph Waldo Emerson, who called such items "excuses for gifts. The only real gift is a portion of yourself."

It is that sort of gift that Father Reinhart is this year begging for the poor and suffering throughout the world of the missions.

And it is that sort of gift, he said, that missioners constantly are giving to those in their care.

Pleading with the Church of Rochester to extend itself the world over through spiritual and material gifts at this season, he urged diocesans to especially look to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith as a channel of the giving of oneself.

"I beg all of you who are members of the Church of Rochester," he said, "to celebrate the birth of Christ in a special way. Please pray. Please make a sacrifice so that the people of the missions may receive the gift of faith... share your hope... feel your love."

## All in the Family

By Sarah Child

### Pseudonym Can Be Necessary

There was a time when only a couple of people knew that the byline that goes with this column was a pen name. Or that one of the first pictures that appeared over the pseudonym was that of a friend, who unlike this writer, was and is, always perfectly coiffed.

Unfortunately, that no longer is the case and every once in a while someone will stop me (usually in the supermarket just as I'm getting ready to give the

tomatoes a furtive squeeze) and remark on my split personality.

I, say, unfortunately, because it is tough enough hiding from my neighbors when I am dressed to mop the kitchen floor (which is what I was doing when the ammonia gave out) without being confronted by impeccably dressed strangers.

There are other reasons why I would prefer to remain anonymous. One is that I have never learned the art of disciplining my children softly but firmly in public places.

I screech, threaten, horrible punishments and have been known to deliver five minute lectures on the sin of throwing imitation pop corn,

Malomars and other junk food into the basket when my back is turned.

At the checkout I have distinguished myself more than once arguing over a special which suddenly isn't, flimsy bagging materials and express lines which aren't.

Nor do I tolerate rude clerks (incompetence I can sometimes take, rudeness never) and am not averse to communicating this fact to the person in question.

Since such behavior, however, reveals me as something less than the paragon I make myself out to be in print, naturally, it is to my advantage to remain nameless and faceless at least in the grocery.

As I see it there is only one alternative. Take another name and borrow another picture.

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