

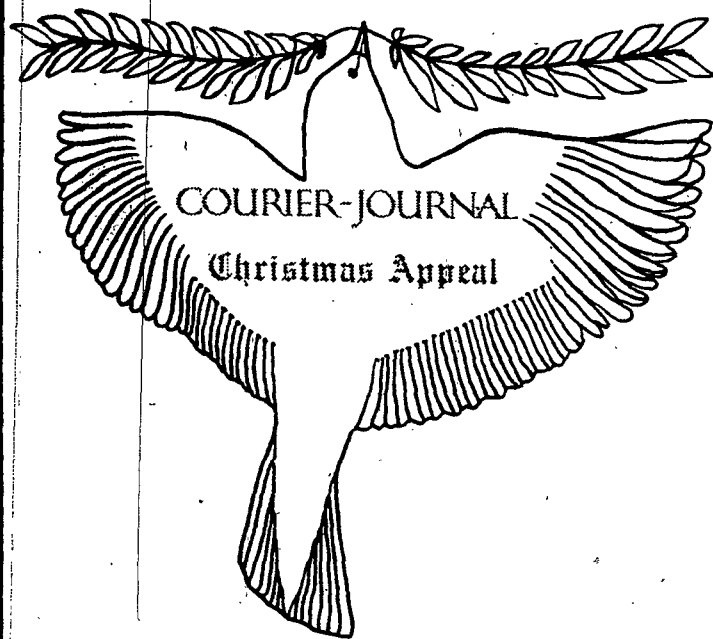
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## It Is the Season for Giving

The Christmas season, for merchants and shoppers alike, has begun in earnest. Last Friday, the day after Thanksgiving, dioceses crowded into their shopping malls, their department stores, all the hubs of what is part of the season.

Some, many in fact, are not so eager for the great Feast's arrival. The traditions of giving gifts are for them impossible to fulfill. They barely have enough to survive themselves, much less expend for their loved ones.

It is to these that our

attention should turn, and it is for these that the Courier-Journal, for the tenth year, begs of its readers in the Courier-Journal Christmas Appeal.

"It is astounding," a top appeal spokesman said last week, "the extent of the misery and poverty right here in our own diocese, in one of the wealthiest nations of the earth."

"And equally astounding is the generosity which flows from the hearts of Courier-Journal readers in response to stories of that misery."

The spokesman com-

mented that "the prophet Isaiah who is cited in Masses during the season of Advent once observed that the sacrifices which are most pleasing to God, include breaking the bonds of injustice, giving bread to the hungry, bringing the needy and harborless into ones own house, clothing the naked."

The fund is run in conjunction with Catholic Charities. Money not distributed at Christmas time will be held in a reserve fund and given out during 1979 to persons and families in crisis situations.

Because the Courier-

Journal and Catholic Charities are already geared up to handle the campaign, there are no start-up, operating or administrative costs.

All contributions to the Courier-Journal Christmas Fund go directly to those in need.

Persons who wish to contribute may mail their donation to:

Courier-Journal  
Christmas Fund  
Care of  
Catholic Charities  
50 Chestnut St.  
Rochester, N.Y. 14604

## Those Most in Need

**21** Mr. and Mrs. S have been reunited with their four children following S's release from prison. Not only has there been sickness among the children, but Mrs. S. has been hospitalized, and the family faces eviction because of its indebtedness.

**22** Mr. and Mrs. R and their two young children are struggling against tremendous odds. A while back, R broke his tail bone, has had surgery to have it replaced, wore a body cast for a long time and now must wear a body brace and has yet to face long therapy — but, due to his determination, he is walking, something that was seriously debated among his physicians. In the meantime, however, the family is barely able to keep body and soul together on R's disability payments.

**23** J and her eight children are on public assistance. They were recently asked to move from their rented house so a road could be constructed. J is unable to work since she must care for a preschool age child.

**24** G has released herself from a local hospital. Her boyfriend has forged her checks. She has nothing. At the age of 26 she is without family. She wants to begin a new life, but has nothing to start with.

**25** M lives with her son in a walk-up apartment. She gets some Social Security, but very little since she worked practically all of her life as a domestic servant. Her son has been declared totally disabled. She has high blood pressure and arthritis. The sole pieces of

furniture in the living room and kitchen are a sofa and a table with two chairs. They are usually without food at the end of the month.

**26** The Bs have three children. They live in a remote area. The house floods when it rains and the roads become such that it is impossible for B to get to work when this happens.

**27** L is the alcoholic mother of three children. She spends her checks on alcohol and drugs. She refuses to give her children up yet neglects them in the meantime.

**28** S and his wife have six children. He has been laid off from work and the family is indebted

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## Pope Said Planning Visit to Mexico

By FATHER ANDREW GREELEY

Vatican City — Preliminary plans are being made for Pope John Paul II to visit Mexico in January to attend a critical meeting of the Latin American church, Universal Press Syndicate learned exclusively today. In addition to attending the conference in Puebla, Mexico, Vatican sources said, the pope may visit Mexico City and other countries in Latin America.

The Puebla meeting will be a major test of the new pope's skills in diplomacy and reconciliation. The Latin American church is polarized on the issue of political involvement, with one militant group arguing that the church must involve itself in Marxist liberation movements, and the other contending that the church must stay out of politics and preach the gospel.

Extremists on both sides reject the possibility of a middle-ground — a non-Marxist but social justice-oriented political involvement.

Having lived under Marxist regimes for most of his life, the pope is not likely to be sympathetic to those who would marry Marxism and the Gospel. In addition, as a sophisticated student of Marxist theory, John Paul II will have little sympathy for the pop Marxism of the so-called liberation theologians. On the other hand, his own personal philosophy, emphasizing as it does the dignity and value of the human person, will compel him to take a stand against social injustice.

"The pope is in a no-win situation," one Vatican source told me. "He stands for a middle between the two

extremes, but in Latin America there is rarely a middle. And the enthusiastic young liberation theologians are barely aware that there is a Catholic social perspective which is radical but not Marxist. For them it is Marx or nothing."

"Furthermore," he went on, "anything less than endorsement of bloody revolution in Latin America may lead your American Catholic liberal press to denounce the pope as a conservative."

Many Vatican officials have advised John Paul II to avoid the dangers of the Puebla meeting. But they have already learned that he is not one to be talked out of a decision about going to the people. The new Polish pope is not a man to stay away from danger.

## Seminary Collection Re-Instated

BY TERRANCE J. BRENNAN

After nearly 14 years of non-existence, the Seminary Collection has been reinstated by Bishop Joseph L. Hogan to be taken up the weekend of Dec. 9-10, according to Father Frank E. Lioi, rector of St. Bernard's.

Ten percent of the collection will go to Becket Hall and the rest to St. Bernard's. Father Lioi said that St. Bernard's has a

deficit of about \$280,000 and Becket a deficit of some \$30,000.

The money will be used for operational expenses at St. Bernard's because "our income does not meet our expenses," Father Lioi said.

"The collection goes toward the difference that exists between what it actually costs for a student and how much the student pays," Father Lioi said. "It costs us about \$7,700 to

educate one student per year. Our tuition charge is about \$3,900. Those charged costs only take care of about 52 percent of the total costs. The collection will help us fill the gap."

The Seminary Collection began in 1921. Previously, a program instituted by Bishop McQuaid involving door-to-door solicitations was used.

The occasion of the

collection presented the opportunity to speak about vocations in the Church, to try to bring the seminary closer to the people and vice versa.

"It worked," Father Lioi said. "It was a very successful approach toward vocation awareness, toward keeping the seminary in the eyes of the people and toward gaining their support, prayers and financial help."

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Father Frank E. Lioi at his desk.