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Christmas Fund Begins

Last year, people throughout the Diocese of Rochester made the Christmas celebrations of their neighbors a happier time. Diocesans responding to the Courier-Journal/Catholic Charities Christmas Fund salvaged many wounds and eased the anxieties of thousands of their brothers and sisters — to the tune of nearly \$44,000.

This year diocesans again have the opportunity to bring joy and comfort to the needy of this area through the 1979 drive.

Each week until Christmas, the Courier-Journal, with the aid of agencies of Catholic Charities, will publish true stories of people suffering now, today, in our neighborhoods.

They are the people, sometimes visible, more often not, who deserve our most concentrated efforts.

Persons wishing to contribute to the appeal are

asked to send their contributions to:

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



**Christmas
Fund**

Rationale

"I was hungry and you gave me food. . ." (Matthew 25:35).

"Give them something to eat yourselves." (Matthew 14:16)

"If one of the brothers. . . sisters. . . has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them 'eat plenty,' without giving them the bare necessities of life, what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead." (James 2:14-17)

In all of these scriptural passages the Lord very definitely places upon us the responsibility of feeding the hungry. This is only in keeping with what has been firmly established at the beginning of humankind. The Book of Genesis teaches that we are the stewards of God's creation. We exercise responsible stewardship when we look and care for the needs of one another, especially the neediest, to enable all people to be fully alive and in love with life.

The Neediest Cases

1 B is an abused spouse, recently divorced, who has just come through a nervous breakdown. She has two children not yet in their teens. She holds a parttime job and receives some Public Assistance. The furnace in her home blew up recently. The landlord states he cannot afford to replace the unit and has asked her to move out. B is still living in the unheated apartment.

2 Mr. and Mrs. G recently moved to upstate New York from the midwest in the hopes of owning and farming their own land to support themselves and their family of six. Within two years of their arrival G was disabled in an accident, and, unable to meet the mortgage payments, has lost everything. The family is barely surviving on the disability payments.

3 E is in her 90s, is in poor health and has no living relatives. She is unable to shop for herself and or take care of her finances. She is very poor. E also is very shy and retiring

— to the point of being unable to ask for the help she needs.

4 H is a mildly retarded young mother of two, one of whom is severely developmentally disabled. Both children have developmental delays in many areas H receives public assistance and finds it very difficult to manage.

5 Her husband's whereabouts unknown, S struggles to care adequately for her four children. Her parttime job pays for food and rent. The family uses the stove for heat. One child was severely burned from leaning on the hot oven door, tired of standing while waiting for breakfast. The family has no kitchen chairs.

6 D is in her 80s and is terminally ill. She does not want to move, yet is being forced to do so. The absentee landlord recently raised her monthly rent 33 per cent.

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Photo by Joan Smith

(N)ICE SKATING

When the Xerox ice rink opened Monday, Nov. 19, the Bishop Kearney Marching Kings were on hand to get things off to a smooth start. But there was a big surprise on hand also -- temperatures hovering around 60 in the midst of a sunny, clear day.

Father Kleintjes Dies; Founded Guardian Angels

Funeral rites were held last Sunday and Monday for Father John B. Kleintjes, the founding pastor of Guardian Angels Parish in Henrietta, who died of cancer Nov. 21, 1979.

Father Kleintjes was 65 years old. A native of Auburn, Father Kleintjes studied for the priesthood at St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's Seminaries. He was ordained June 3, 1939.

After stints as assistant pastor of St. Michael's and St. Andrew's Churches in

Rochester, Father Kleintjes, in 1943, was commissioned a chaplain in the U.S. Navy with which he served, principally, in the Philippines. After three years of service, he came home and was named assistant pastor of St. Cecilia's in Elmira.

Prior to being assigned the establishment of Guardian Angels Parish, Father Kleintjes served as assistant pastor of St. Mary's, Canandaigua; St. Anne's, Rochester; and St. Patrick's, Seneca Falls.

His tenure at Guardian Angels lasted from 1960 to 1975, during which time he supervised the construction of a church, school, hall, convent and rectory.

Father Kleintjes served as pastor of St. Pius V in Cohocton for the past four years.

A Mass of Christ the High Priest was celebrated at Guardian Angels on Sunday, and Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated at St. Pius V on Monday.



FATHER KLEINTJES

Father Kleintjes is survived by one brother, Paul, of Garden Grove, Calif.