

## Editorials

# Christmas Needy

The cases are dramatic.

Some of the people involved are down on their luck:

"Mr. S is out of work because of disability . . ."

"Mrs. G and her four children were abandoned by Mr. G and left to struggle with unpaid bills . . ."

Some of the people never had any luck:

"Limited educational opportunities have forced J to work for minimal wages. He and his wife and four children are barely surviving and will find it difficult to buy food and pay fuel bills this winter."

"Mr. K holds two jobs in order to support his family of eight. Two of his children . . . require constant medical attention."

The list goes on . . . the 100 neediest cases right here in our own diocese. Work cutbacks, injuries, rising fuel costs (the State Catholic Committee has predicted that the need caused by such increases will reach crisis proportions for many this winter), abandonments, illnesses, depression, loneliness . . .

Not pleasant things to contemplate as we head into another holiday season. Yet think about them we must. Help we must.

We must act because it is our Christian duty.

And when we do we will find new depth in our own celebration of this sacred holiday.

Simply put, many of our sisters and brothers will not have Christmas this year unless we do something.

Many elderly persons with precious few Christmases left will experience nothing special this Dec. 25.

Many children will not know the joy of a single gift, so symbolic of the day.

Worse, they will be poorly clothed, scarcely fed, and ill-sheltered. Unless we act . . .

For those already depressed by lack of necessities, there will be the increased burden as their miseries continue against the backdrop of celebration by others. Many already have a difficult time facing the start of any day. Dec. 25 is worse for them.

The various agencies of Catholic Charities and workers from the Office of Human Development from throughout the diocese have come up with the 100 cases, which even then are only representative of the thousands of similar stories. These capable and concerned people will see to it that your contribution to the Courier-Journal Christmas Fund goes directly to alleviate need.

We have been reminded often lately, mostly through the kindly persuasion of Pope John Paul II, of the monumental importance of the single human being — the shining miracle of God's creation. We must not ignore any opportunity to maintain or restore the dignity of anyone in need of assistance.

This is especially true at the time we celebrate the birth of the one who taught us that love is the greatest gift.

## and Opinions

### New Sheriff Asks Prayers

Editor:

On Nov. 6, a majority of voters gave me the opportunity to serve as sheriff of Monroe County.

I want to thank those of you who voted for me and those who chose not to; for I will serve each of you with a sense of vigor, honesty and dedication.

The trust and confidence you have placed in me will not be taken for granted nor betrayed.

Please keep me in your prayers!

Andrew P. Meloni  
Sheriff-elect

### Inflation: The Facts

Editor:

It is ironic that of all the inflation fighters (?) in the President's advisory staff, in his cabinet and in the Congress at large not one has a viable solution for inflation, yet the simple solution is before their very eyes, and before the eyes of every literate American. I quote it verbatim from the first article of the Constitution:

The Congress shall have power to lay and collect taxes (sec 8-1); to coin money, regulate the value thereof (sec 8-5); to emit bills of credit (sec 10-1).

When sec 10-1 forbids "the several states the power to emit bills of credit," it plainly implies that the federal government shall have the right — and duty — to exercise it.

"Government, possessing power to create and issue currency as money, and enjoying the right to withdraw currency and credit from circulation by taxation and otherwise, need not — and should not — borrow capital at interest as a means of financing government work and public enterprise." — Abraham Lincoln.

The staid and family-oriented Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (Mormon) holds as an article of faith that the Constitution of the United States was God-inspired. The writer concurs 100 percent. Mormons are presently engaged in a crash program to inform the American people of their rights under this constitution. Judeo-Christianity has no moral alternative but to do likewise; to expose and condemn the curse (inflation) which has destroyed every free government that has espoused it.

Many would amend the Constitution to require a balanced budget — un mindful that on the night before Christmas Eve 1913, an unwary Congress passed the nefarious Federal Reserve Act without amending the Constitution — surrendered its life blood to independent interests, leaving their government with nothing more than the power to tax a crippled and foundering republic. The Constitution must be restored — not amended.

By what manner of reasoning must the American people be deprived of their own sound, non-inflatable money — backed by the wealth of the United States and the taxing power of Congress? Why must it be supplied at usury by independent interests which create it out of thin air? The "Federal" Reserve is privately owned and privately regulated. Its continuing dilution of our currency must be halted.

Wall Street pundits tell us that another Great Depression is now virtually impossible. They do not tell us what happens when our dollar becomes worthless; or what happens after inflation has driven the vast majority of the free world into the arms of Godless communism.

### Communism Inhuman

Editor:

In your issue of Oct. 24, you ran a picture of two

Cambodian refugees with the headline Asian Auschwitz. In the caption you explained that the Cambodian government was deliberately starving people who opposed them and the government was installed by the Soviet Communists.

That is the exact truth. This mass inhumanity to man is a trademark of Communist aggression. It is the story of communism throughout the world. It started in Russia with mass executions and forced starvations of millions. It has spread across the world, now, into large and small countries alike.

When is the leadership of our church and of our country going to realize that these animals are out to destroy us and every vestige of civilization. Communism is anti-Christ. It's the essence of evil. And yet our country, and other nations, supposedly founded under God, co-exist with these criminals.

Our daily newspapers should be crying out with a loud voice about this cruelty and should be condemning communism openly and continuously. Instead, they are starting to weave a little tale about Americans actually being the really guilty party in Cambodia. That's a typical brand of brain-washing that our do-gooders have been throwing at us for the past few years.

The people who are guilty are the politicians and statesmen who co-existed with and sustained communism and who kept telling us that these people were just social reformers. Cambodia is a good example of Communist social reform. The other guilty parties are the butchers in Moscow who are directing this carnage.

Cambodia is the greatest example of why communism is evil, corrupt and deadly and the church has an obligation to bring these facts out about a force that is actively trying to destroy us every day.

The next Cambodia may be spelled USA.

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### Sends Words Of Poem

Editor:

As we prepare to celebrate the glorious birth of our God and Savior Jesus Christ, it is also important to remember the important work part our Blessed Lady had and still has. As Jesus came to us through Mary, so must we go to Jesus through Mary. Hopefully this little poem will make this clear:

Lovely Lady dressed in blue  
Teach me how to pray.  
God was just your little Boy,  
Tell me what to say.  
Did you lift Him up sometimes  
Gently on your knee?  
Did you sing to Him  
The way Mother does to me?  
Did you ever tell Him stories of the world?  
And, oh, did He cry?  
Do you think He cares if I tell Him things,  
Just little things that happen?  
And do angels wings make a noise?  
And can He hear me if I speak low?  
Does He understand me now?  
Tell me for you know.  
Lovely Lady dressed in blue  
Teach me how to pray  
God was just your little boy

And you know the way.  
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### Cheers For Hospital

Editor:

On Sunday, Oct. 28, I was admitted to St. Mary's Hospital for diagnostic tests. Since, I have had brain surgery and treatment and hope to be released soon.

My apprehension on admittance was immediately and constantly dissipated by the wonderful loving care of all the personnel. My surgery was completely pain free and at each stage everything was explained to me thoroughly.

I cannot emphasize how wonderful was my care and their services. There is a spirit there although intangible, always felt, which transcends even their tender loving care. They are tender and loving, but most of all, they care about the patient as a person and as a creature child of God.

May the bells of St. Mary's Hospital always ring!

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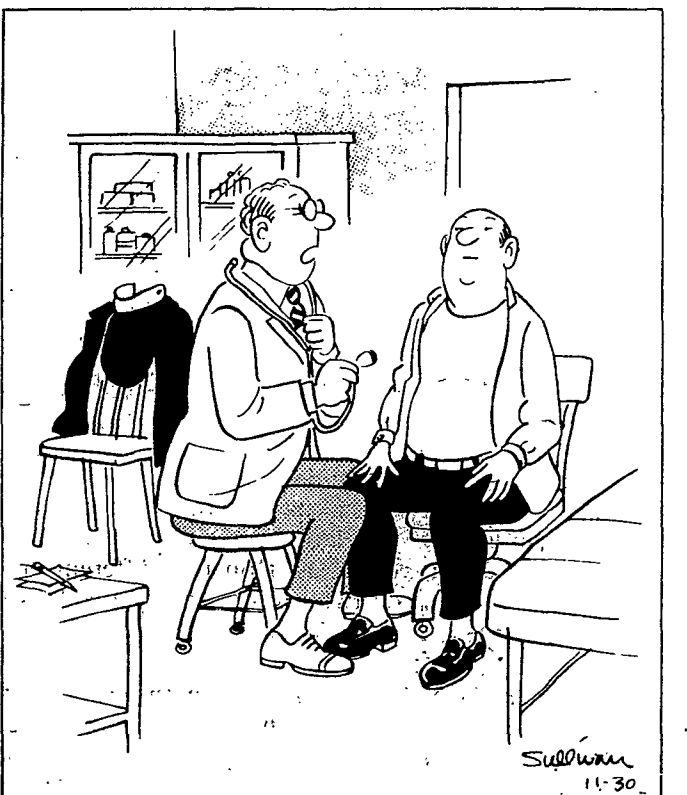
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