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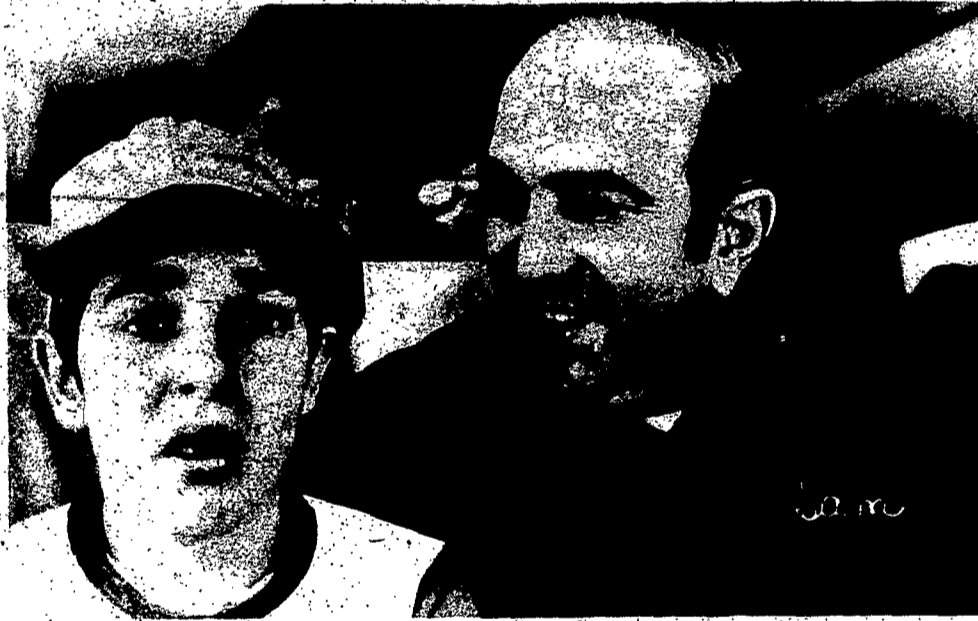
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Big Day

Photos by Anthony J. Costello

A special corner of the crowd roars its approval during last Sunday's Bills vs. Rams game in Buffalo. That corner included children and adults from St. Joseph's Villa, attending through the generosity of a Rochester manufacturing company. Below, Rochester Colonial president Sam Gionta rides with Matthew Hall of St. Joseph's to the game. Story and more pictures, Page 4.



Slain Missionary Nun Mourned in Diocese

Described last week as a "gentle spirit, one of those rare people who could always find the good in everyone and everything," Sister Maura Clarke, a Maryknoll missionary was buried Dec. 6 in Chalatenango, El Salvador. She, Sister Ita Ford, also a Maryknoller, Sister Dorothy Kazel, a Ursuline, and Jean Donovan, a lay volunteer, were slain last week by what Church officials described as right wing "death squads" in El Salvador.

All the women were Americans. The incident provoked the United States into cutting off economic and military assistance to the nation; and an American delegation is now investigating the incident and charges of El Salvadorean government complicity in the killings.

Sister Maura was a close friend of Mary Heidkamp, the new head of the diocesan Office of Human Development, and her husband, Jim Lund.

Sister Maura had attended the couple's wedding, Lund said last week. He said that the missionary was "fully aware of the dangers that faced her and all others who are witnessing to the Gospel in that strife-ridden country," when she accepted the assignment from her order. She had previously worked in Nicaragua.

In El Salvador, the four women distributed relief supplies to refugees fleeing the violence which has marked the political climate there for some time.

Lund said that "when Sister Maura first went to Latin America, she didn't foresee that someday her ministry might take place in the midst of revolutionary upheaval."

Yet, he said, "she willingly followed her call to the nation where Archbishop Oscar Romero, a Nobel Peace Prize nominee, had been assassinated last spring.

"It was the depth of her prayer life and the relationship she had with God that empowered her and freed her to follow the Lord's will by laying down her life in such a turbulent place as this," Lund said.

More than 8,000 persons have died in the El Salvadorean struggle this year.

Christmas Appeal Helps the Needy

Each year for the past 11 years, the Courier-Journal has published the stories of the 100 neediest families and people in the diocese.

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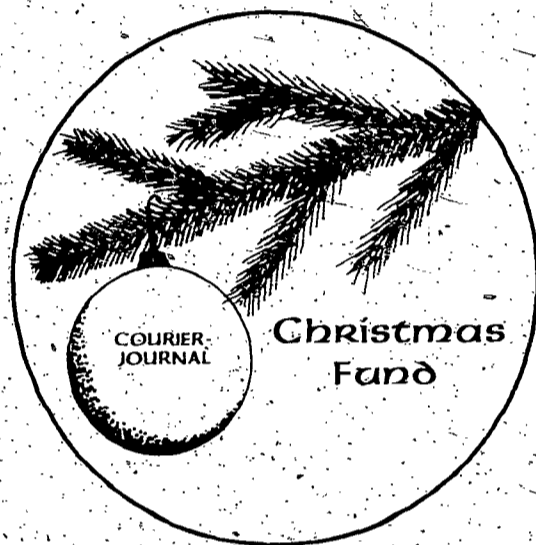
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Special Holiday Pull-Out Section Today



The Neediest In Diocese

51M is not yet 18 years old. She is six months pregnant. Her mother is serving a jail sentence for attempted murder. Her father died this spring. Shortly after, her brother was killed in an automobile accident. She has been abandoned by her boyfriend.

52S is a widow who has been abandoned by her children. Because of two incidents in which she demonstrated highly eccentric behavior, she has been asked to leave the nursing home where she has lived.

53K is the mother of five daughters. She has left her second husband because he violently abused her. Before she sought help, her apartment was insect infested, and she repeatedly expressed frustration in handling the responsibilities for her children.

54K has recently been released from a mental institution. For the past ten of her 30 years, she has been in and out of such places. As a child she had polio and the muscle coordination on one side of her body is damaged. She is now trying to re-order her life so that she can return to college and pursue a career.

55D is the mother of four children, all under eight years old. She was living in Florida while

her husband worked in this area as a migrant farmer. Here he put a deposit on an apartment; but when his wife and children came north to join him, the landlord told the family that the apartment was already rented and refused to return the deposit money.

56 The As are a young couple who fled Cuba and were forced to leave behind their three children. She is due with their fourth child, and both have dental and medical problems.

57F has recently been released from an out-of-state drug rehabilitation program where she was treated for Valium addiction. She has been married twice, and has been refused visiting rights to see her two oldest. She has two other children with her.

58S is six months pregnant, blind, and alone. Her family abandoned her on discovering her pregnancy. They insisted on an abortion and she refused. She needs a great deal of assistance.

59P is a recent arrival from out of town. When her boyfriend discovered that she was pregnant he began to beat her. She escaped under the cover of night, leaving all her goods behind. She is in

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