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Contributions to the Courier-Journal Christmas Fund are coming in at a pace exceeding last year when diocesans contributed more than \$50,000, a record for the annual appeal.

So far, \$24,275 has been received; last year at the same time just over \$20,000 had been recorded.

"Naturally, we are very grateful," said Anthony J. Costello, publisher, general manager of the newspaper. "But I remind all that time is growing short for contributions. With the appearance of this edition, only one week remains to help those who need help desperately at Christmas."

"Also, heavy volume may slow things up," Costello added.

As in past years, the fund reflects a great outpouring of donations from "small" contributors.

"This is gratifying," Costello said, "because it

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means that many people are taking part and many of them don't really have that much to share."

During the campaign, the Courier-Journal publishes the 100 neediest cases in the diocese as provided by the agencies of Catholic Charities.

The 100 cases are only representative of the many more existing in the diocese. All of them are true. While many may respond to the plights of some of the more dramatic cases, the agencies of Catholic Charities must use their expertise to assist as many different cases as possible.

Contributions should be sent to:

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Archbishop Laghi Delegate to U.S.

Archbishop bishop Pio Laghi, 58, of Italy, has been named by Pope John Paul II to be his apostolic delegate to the United States.

Archbishop Laghi succeeds Archbishop Jean Jadot of Belgium who was the apostolic delegate from 1972 until last June when he was named to head the Vatican Secretariat for Non-Christian Religions.

Archbishop Laghi has been the papal nuncio to Argentina

for the past six years. He also was named the Vatican's permanent observer at the Organization of American States.

He also has served in Nicaragua, India, Jerusalem, at the Vatican (Council of Public Affairs), and was a staff member at the apostolic delegation in Washington from 1954 to 1961.

No date was set for his arrival in the United States.

EL SALVADOR

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Bishop Roach

The following statement was sent to President Carter and President-elect Reagan by Archbishop John Roach, president, National Conference of Catholic Bishops, on Dec. 7.

The murder of the four U.S. missionaries in El Salvador brings home to American Catholics and all American citizens the daily experience of violence which is the lot of the poor in El Salvador.

The tragic martyrdom of these four women should be seen in light of the work they were doing as part of the Church in El Salvador. The Church there has made a fundamental decision to accompany and support the poor in their struggle for human dignity, human rights and full participation in the life of their country.

The United States is not a neutral or detached party in the crisis of El Salvador. The policies of the U.S. government, in word and deed, have been and will continue to be the most important external force effecting developments in El Salvador. U.S. policy, however well-intentioned, has not mitigated the violence and daily violation of human rights which has the poor, the majority of the population, suffer each day.

The compelling need of the moment is to separate the U.S. government in a clear and visible manner from the repression of the security forces and other military groups which seem to operate with impunity throughout the country.

The suspension of all U.S. economic and military assistance to the government of El Salvador until an investigation of these murders takes place is a positive step which I endorse. The U.S. Catholic Conference has consistently advocated a prohibition of all forms of military assistance to the present government of El Salvador and we urge this measure again in this statement. In addition the protection of human rights should be reaffirmed as a central element of U.S. policy in El Salvador and Central America.

'I urge... writing to our national leaders expressing your concern for the lack of respect for human life and dignity in El Salvador.'



Bishop Clark

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

The martyrdom of the four U.S. missionaries in El Salvador has shocked our communities and awakened our realization of the immense suffering of the Church and the people of El Salvador.

In response to the cry for justice and solidarity arising from the Church in El Salvador, I have echoed the appeal sent to our national leaders of Archbishop John Roach, president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops.

I urge you at this time to join me in translating into action the sorrow and grief of the moment by:

1. Gathering in prayer and reflection in communion with the suffering people in El Salvador.
2. Communicating your solidarity with the Church in El Salvador by addressing a warm Christmas message of support to Bishop Arturo Rivera Damas of San Salvador.
3. Writing to our national leaders expressing your concern for the lack of respect for human life and dignity currently prevalent in El Salvador, and urging implementation of the actions in Archbishop Roach's statement.

In closing, let me stress the critical and desperate situation of the Church and the people of El Salvador, and appeal for your urgent response as individuals, families, and parish communities.

Your brother in Christ,

Matthew H. Clark
Most. Rev. Matthew H. Clark
Bishop of Rochester

Father Statt Named Greece Pastor

Father Thomas Statt has been named pastor of Our Mother of Sorrows Parish and Father Robert Collins will assume the duties of the rector of Becket Hall, the Pastoral Office announced this week.

Both assignments take effect Jan. 6, the Feast of the Epiphany.

Father Statt, for the past four years rector at the residence for seminarians at St. John Fisher College, will assume the post left vacant by the death of Father, George Wood, Nov. 2.

Father Collins, chaplain at Monroe Community College, will keep that post while serving as rector of Becket Hall.

Father Statt was ordained in 1958. He has held associate pastorates at St. Mary's in Canandaigua and in Corpus Christi in Rochester. In 1964 he was named Newman Chaplain at the State University College in Geneseo, where he remained until being named rector of Becket Hall.

Father Collins was or-
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