

The Neediest In Diocese

76 The Gs live on a back road in a rural county. Although G is employed his wages only barely meet the cost of raising his four children.

77 M, his wife and their four children will be in need this Christmas, as they are throughout the year. M's disability payments only cover their rent and the cost of food.

78 Mrs. R lives alone and has been disabled for years. Her home is isolated and she has very little company to sustain her.

79 M is a widow with five children. With two preschoolers, she is unable to work, but her public assistance grant does not provide much beyond the rent, food, and necessities. Inflation has hit her family very hard.

80 R works hard as a maintenance man. His yearly wage (just above poverty level) barely enables him to keep up with the necessities for his family of six. Two children are in constant need of medical attention and when these and other expenses are met, there is little left over for holiday celebrations.

81 K is a welfare mother of three. She would like to be able to get off the assistance rolls, but has not been able to find a job that would pay enough to support her family. Rents in her community are unusually high, and with food, fuel, utilities and other expenses, she has nothing left over for Christmas.

82 The Gs have lived in a rural community for several years. G, a disabled veteran, has not been able to get work of the sort for which he is trained. He and his wife survive on the income they receive from doing odd jobs — when and if they are able to get them. Survival from day to day has become a way of life for the Gs.

83 J in spite of his disability was able to get a job in a gas station for a few hours a week. His income and his wife's salary helped the couple to get off welfare. They are still having trouble, however, supporting themselves and their four children in this time of inflation.

84 Mrs. F lives with her seven children in a remote area of the diocese. Her husband died several years ago. She can neither afford nor even find a decent house for her family. Her present house consists of only three rooms for eight people.

85 The Ss and their two children live in a two-room house. S works part-time at below the minimum wage. Their house is very dilapidated.

86 The S family lives in a remote area. Mrs. S finds it difficult to support her ten children on her public assistance grant which barely provides rent, food and clothing. The oldest child has just graduated from high school, but is having difficulty finding a job.

87 The Ts were recently burned out. They and their seven children are living temporarily with friends, but are finding it difficult to obtain a large enough house. They lost almost all their possessions in the fire.

88 M is a middle-aged woman who has been out of work for nearly a year. Her unemployment was not enough to meet the expenses of raising her two children and she had to apply for Medicaid to supplement her income. She still has not found work and is increasingly anxious about the prospect of going on full welfare.

89 M is the mother of a large family which is the object of an alcoholic husband's abuse. The situation caused a separation between the two, drove her into severe depression, and consequently left her in debt. She is virtually penniless.

90 Miss L is a single parent of a child less than a year old. Her income does not cover her expenses and she has no funds to offer her child a Christmas celebration.

91 The Ss are an older couple with a young child who is displaying emotional difficulties in forming friendships and working cooperatively with peers. The family cannot afford professional therapies for their child and are relying on volunteer help.

92 B is alone, has three children and is pregnant with her fourth. She is now in counseling and is working to improve her situation, and has already made progress. She, however, is unable to afford a Christmas celebration for her family.

93 S and her children are barely able to afford the mortgage payments on their house in which there is no running water but for a faucet in the basement. She has been cooking for her family on an electric toaster oven, because her gas was shut off for non-payment. Although she works, S is unable to meet her expenses and thus will have nothing saved for Christmas.

94 The Ds, whose oldest child is in a special school out of town, are unable to afford the cost of bringing their child home for weekends. The family income is so meager that it does not even cover the cost of clothing.

95 W and her four children have just found a new apartment, a desperately needed thing for her family. She is on such a limited income however that the entire month's check was used to pay rent and she cannot afford to buy beds.

96 M is a widow, elderly, infirm and alone. She is unable to enjoy social contacts without someone to assist her. The holidays only increase her sense of isolation.

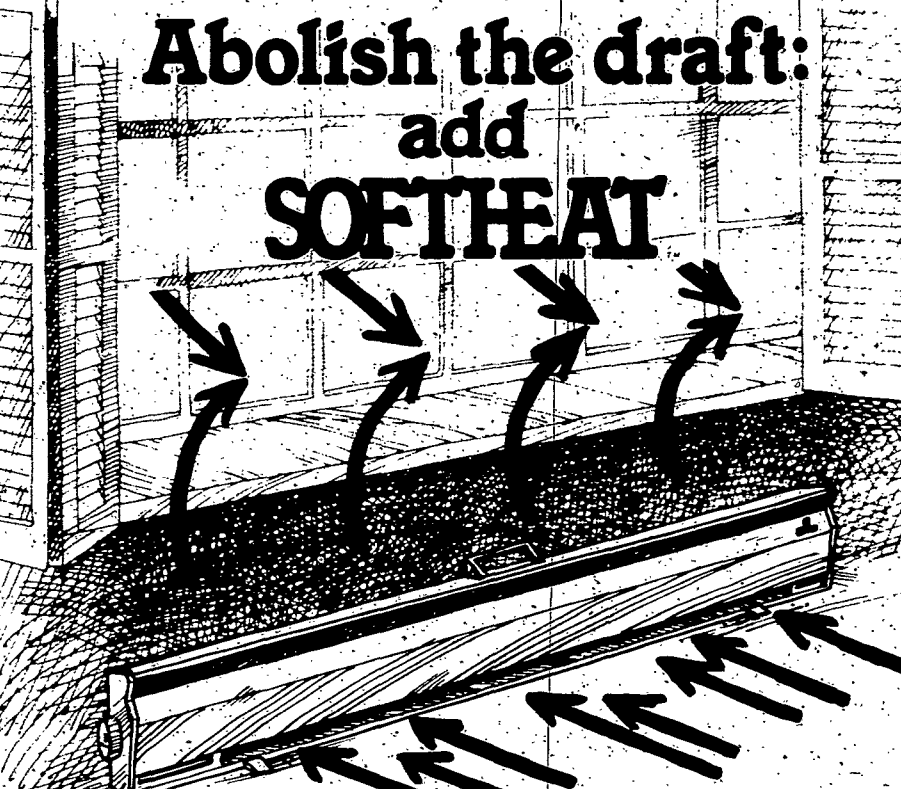
97 E's husband recently deserted her and their six children. E's last pregnancy was so difficult that she had to stop working and was forced onto the public assistance rolls. Her resources are so limited that she will not be able to afford a Christmas celebration.

98 T is in her 30s, a single parent with five children. Her extremely limited income will not cover the expense of a holiday celebration for her children.

99 T is elderly, deaf and speaks no English. Moreover she is on such a limited income that she is barely able to afford food. She lives in isolation. The holidays will be extremely hard on her.

100 H is pregnant. Her boyfriend wanted her to have an abortion and when she refused he abandoned her and has threatened her lest she take any action against him. H is very poor and unable to afford the necessities she will require for her child.

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