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## The Thrill Of Victory

Solomon Alput, a resident at the Jewish Home and Infirmary, gets a free ride to the winner's circle from nursing assistants Gordon Terrell, left, and Richard Butchino, following his victory in the standing horseshoe toss at the second annual Sunshine Olympics last Tuesday, June 30, at St. Ann's Home on Portland Avenue. Residents from nine area facilities for the aged participated in a variety of events that included wheelchair races, a walkathon, golf putting, bowling, shuffleboard, billiards, a spelling competition, and also a cookie baking contest. Right, Milton Carter of Monroe Community Hospital shows his winning form in the seated horseshoe toss. Other facilities participating were the Episcopal Church Home, Fairport Baptist Home, Park Ridge Nursing Home, Rochester Friendly Home, Rochester United Methodist Home, and St. John's Home.



## Bishop's Committee Explains Appeal

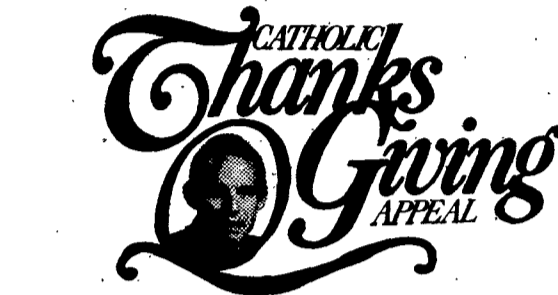
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During the past 50 years, the Catholic population in the Diocese of Rochester increased by almost 80 percent. This huge increase in numbers (from approximately 200,000 to more than 372,000) caused ever increasing demands upon the available diocesan financial resources to develop and fund the many necessary and vital programs required to respond faithfully to the Lord's Gospel in serving all of our Catholic people.

In today's Church, these programs and diocesan services will assume an even greater dimension of significance than in previous years. The "Battle of the Budgets" is now being fought on the national, state and local levels. It is impossible to determine just how these impending budget cuts (estimated to be between \$40 and \$50 billion) will affect our Catholic people. It is to be anticipated that the demands upon the services and agencies funded by the diocese will be greater than ever before.

The Diocese simply can no longer fund all the necessary Catholic apostolic programs with the financial resources available under the present parish assessment arrangement.

Bishop Matthew H. Clark was confronted with the choices of: (1) placing a heavier increased assessment on each parish; (2) severely cutting back on these vital and necessary diocesan services; (3) seeking a new and more positive source of



funding for these diocesan programs. It was determined that an Annual Thanks Giving Appeal to provide needed diocesan funds would be conducted in all 183 parishes and missions. This Appeal will not only assist the individual parishes to achieve their assigned goals, but will also enable many parishes to include their own minor parish project needs in conjunction with the Thanks Giving Appeal.

Appeal, we do so with complete confidence and trust that the Catholic people throughout the 12 counties which make up the Diocese of Rochester will demonstrate their support to share with Bishop Clark the responsibility of caring for our brothers and sisters in Christ."

The following questions and answers may help you to more fully understand the needs and objectives of the Annual Thanks Giving Appeal.

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## Q & A

**Q. Why has an annual diocesan appeal been established?**

A. The major funding for many diocesan programs and operational expenses has been obtained through direct assessment charged to each individual parish. As expenses increased (inflation alone has caused an approximate 10 percent increase during each of the past few years), the need for additional funding became very evident. Since some of the parishes are already having difficulty in meeting their present assessments, Bishop Clark, rather than to place additional burdens on the parishes, chose to go to the whole diocesan family in a "once a year" Appeal (as has been done for years in all of our neighboring dioceses). He created the Catholic Thanks Giving Appeal to seek the necessary funding for SURVIVAL and CONTINUATION of the crucial diocesan programs of Religious Education, Family Life, partial Tuition Aid for the needier youngsters to attend Catholic schools, Campus Ministry, Hospital Chaplains, Spanish Apostolate, Southern Tier Office of Social Ministry, new programs for the deaf, new youth programs, and many more programs which will be discussed in detail in future news articles. This new Appeal will directly involve our Catholic people in a much more positive manner and provide a much better understanding of the diocesan role in their religious lives.

**Q. How will this program be presented?**

A. All parishes will be requested to develop the necessary organization to assure that all of their parishioners are contacted during the program. Parishioners will be given the opportunity to "stop in" the parish hall or parish center after the Masses over the weekends of November 1 and November 8 to complete their pledge cards. Home visits will be made on Sunday, November 15, to those families who do not stop in after Mass.

**Q. How was the Thanks Giving Appeal goal determined?**

A. The Bishop's Division Directors reviewed the budgets submitted by staff persons from each of their departments. The Ministerial Review Committee, consisting of clergy, religious and lay advisors from all areas of the Diocese, then reviewed each ministry program with its supportive budget. The final recommendations from the Diocesan Pastoral Council regarding budget allocations were then presented to the Bishop for his approval. All available funds generated through diocesan dividends, fees, etc., are then subtracted from this final sum to arrive at the amount needed to be raised by the Thanks Giving Appeal.

**Q. What is the goal of this year's annual Thanks Giving Appeal?**

A. The total amount budgeted for all diocesan programs and

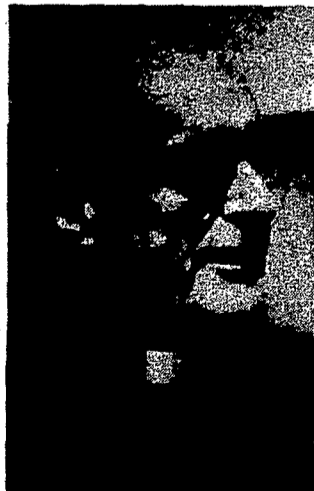
## Jesuit Missioner Sees 'Yeast' in Orient

By John Dash

There are more than six million young people on Taiwan that Rochester-born Father Louis Dowd, SJ, wants to reach — but he wants to reach them in a little way.

That little way, that "yeast," as he constantly says, is through his Young Christian Workers, factory employees who have left the countryside to work for American firms in piecemeal.

Last week, Father Dowd, whose home was on Rutgers Street across the way from Blessed Sacrament Church, and who is celebrating this year his Golden Jubilee as a Jesuit, said that the Young Christian Workers are among those who have found the value of "something bigger" in their lives than the repetitive work of the factory and the



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impersonal lifestyles that Taiwan affords young people. They have found, he said, "love, charity and sharing."

On his visit to Rochester this year, Father Dowd is asking for contributions to

raise \$40,000 which will both pay his staff of Maryknoll Nuns and which may allow enough to purchase a car so that his Young Christian Workers can get to the countryside to "leaven" the youngsters not yet moved into the cities.

Father Dowd has served most of his priestly life among the Chinese people. He was ordained in a Japanese concentration camp in Shanghai during the Second World War. When the Communists began taking over mainland China his Jesuit companions were carted off to detention camps, he said last week.

He, however, was spared the fate because the children he taught refused to participate in a staged denunciation of him. "You have poisoned the minds of our

children," he was told by one Red Guard official as he was released from arrest.

Father Dowd sees his life as "50 years of blessings," though also a pursuit of the Paschal Mystery: his entry into the Jesuits in 1931 as the call; his time in China, the Cross; his current ministry in Taiwan, the Resurrection.

In Taiwan, Father Dowd and the Maryknoll Sisters staff a youth center for young factory workers, a ministry, he insists involves no courting or inveigling of the Chinese.

He explains that the ministry's philosophy is that, with a third of the world's population behind it, Chinese culture is "God's best seller." He said last week that "we (American missionaries) are

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