

Q & A

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expenses, for the year 1981-82 is \$3,375,000. A total of \$2,204,000 of this amount will need to be raised by the Catholic Thanks Giving Appeal.

Q. How will the individual parish's goal be determined?

A. The Appeal will be directed toward the individual parishioner's ability to contribute, not toward the parish's treasury as has been the case in the past. The formula to be developed will give recognition to the number of children attending a parish school, the amount of money a parish spends on Religious Education (CCD), the amount of ordinary parish income. Such items as bequests, bazaars, dividends, rentals and votive candles will no longer be a factor in determining a parish's quota.

Q. Will each of the parishes receive direct benefits from this appeal?

A. All parishes should benefit from this Appeal. Starting with the month of November 1981, the present parish assessment system will be replaced by this Appeal. In addition to helping the parishes meet their quotas, 80 percent of all monies raised above the parish quota will be returned to the parish to help finance its own particular parish needs.

Q. How are contributions to be solicited for this appeal?

A. Parishioners will be encouraged to make a cash contribution at the time they fill out their three-month pledge commitment form in November. The balance of their pledge may be paid during the three-month period of January, February and March 1982. Those parishioners who choose, may make one total contribution when they are contacted in November if that is more convenient for them. Each year the individual donor may choose to exercise whichever payment option best suits his or her individual circumstances.

Fiera Italiana Opens at Mass

Bishop Matthew H. Clark will preside at the celebrated Mass officially opening the city's Fiera Italiana, the celebration of Italian contributions to the community.

The Mass will be celebrated at 3 p.m., Sunday, July 19, at Old St. Mary's Church. Following the Mass, a

procession will form to the festival grounds on the corner of Main and Water streets where the bishop will bless the tent and grounds.

The festival this year features a week of Italian food and entertainment, including performances by I'liguri, the Pino Cea Band and recording star Gino Caruso.

Deaths

John L. Kennedy

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Salome's Church July 2 for John L. Kennedy who died of cancer at the age of 62, June 28, 1981.

Mr. Kennedy, a retired vice president of Rochester Gas and Electric Corp., headed his company's rates and governmental affairs department from 1969 until his retirement in 1980.

He was the father of Father Robert Kennedy, former director of the diocesan liturgy office now chief of diocesan continuing education.

In addition to Father

Jesuit

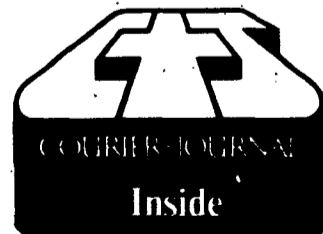
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only now getting to know and to respect them — and we play small, like the yeast."

Historically, he said, the Chinese were converted to Christianity — but that conversion produced only "rice Christians," those whose creedal affirmation was based on the gift of food.

And now, "now charismatic renewal is vital" to China, he said — an interior renewal based on a philosophy of "not getting but giving."

China is a "wonderful opportunity" for such work, Father Dowd said.



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Sister Mary Estelle discusses layout design for the Core Constitutions booklet with Sister Michael.

Rochester Nuns Play Large Part in 'Core Constitutions' Draft

Pittsburgh — Rochester Sisters of Mercy played a large part in the publication and presentation of a major new document designed to link all American Sisters of Mercy.

The document was published here during a special convention of 1,700 members of the congregation, meeting to commemorate the order's 150th anniversary of founding.

The document, "Core Constitutions," was described by Rochester's Sister Elaine Kolesnik as "a vital document of a religious congregation, containing the tenets the congregation espouses as the basis for its way of life as a group in the areas of spirituality, prayer and community; the vowed life; mission and ministry; authority and governance; and membership."

She said that the document is unique in that nearly all American Mercy congregations took part in the drafting. Nine provinces of the Sisters of Mercy of the Union and 15 of the 17 independent Mercy congregations in the U.S. participated.

The document was issued by the Federation of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas; and, eventually, about 10,000 Sisters of Mercy in the federation will study it prior to a general federation consultation next year.

Should the document

locally prove acceptable, it will then be sent to the Sacred Congregation for Religious and Secular Institutes in Rome for approval.

In the meantime a second document covering matters that vary from congregation to congregation will be developed.

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