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## Cuban, Haitian Group Far Exceeds Goal

Bishop Clark's Community Committee on Cuban/Haitian Refugees has far exceeded its original goal of helping 100 Cuban and Haitian refugee families and individuals.

According to a report filed with Bishop Matthew H. Clark recently, in the first year of the group's existence, "A grand total of about 300 entrants have, in some way, been assisted by the consortium, the Cuban Lyceum and the Cuban/Haitian Refugee Committee."

Bishop Clark's group was convened June 13 last year and includes political, labor, business and church leaders, as well as representatives from other groups working to alleviate the Cuban and/or Haitian refugees' problems.

The group also sought \$25,000 during a special July 4 campaign to further its work. The report reveals that "your special request to parishes and churches to support the committee's

activities yielded a grand total of \$52,000, far in excess of our original expectations."

The report states that the group has been able to provide "assistance for critical, immediate needs as well as long-term assistance in developing economic and social self-sufficiency in the Rochester region."

Among those services are emergency food, shelter and clothing; health care, both emergency and routine; interpretation services; transportation; assistance in dealing with public and governmental agencies; tutoring; counseling; spiritual support; job development; and assistance in dealing with employers, landlords and others.

Despite the service achievements, however, the group revealed that "a great deal of work remains to be done in English language training, vocational training,

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## U.S. Bishops Plan Major Meeting

Washington — A series of meetings of the Catholic bishops of the United States to prepare for a major 1982 national assembly began in late July and will continue into October.

The meetings, being held at both the regional and provincial levels, are intended to assist in planning for the "Bishops Assembly for Prayer and Reflection on Episcopal Ministry in the United States" next June 13-23 at St. John's College in Collegeville, Minn.

Bishop James W. Malone of Youngstown, Ohio, vice president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, said its purpose is "to invite us as Catholic bishops

of the United States to come together in a prayerful and reflective atmosphere, and to consider various implications for pastoral ministry through the 1980s in the light of the Second Vatican Council."

Topics thus far suggested include: "The Bishop and the Universal Mission of the Church," "Apostolic Succession and Collegiality," "The Bishop as Teacher," "The Bishop as Evangelizer," "The Bishop and Catholic Intellectual Life in America."

Archbishop Carlo Martini of Milan, a Scripture scholar and former rector of the Gregorian University in Rome, has been invited and agreed to attend the assembly to give a major address on the first day and offer meditations at other times in the program.

A background paper has been sent to the bishops for the regional meetings in preparation for the 1982 get-together. Bishop Malone said that the document "is not a statement of the Assembly Committee nor will it be presented for any type of vote at the regional and provincial meetings or the Assembly itself."

Among its topics are the nature and mission of the Church, collegiality; the teaching, sanctifying, governing and service missions of bishops; bishops and their relationships with others and bishops in the modern world.

## John Paul II His Old Self

Rome — Pope John Paul II is back.

In a strong, clear voice, the Holy Father spoke for 25 minutes to a crowd of 80,000 in St. Peter's Square Friday, Aug. 15, the feast of the Assumption, some three months after he was shot by a Turkish terrorist on May 13 in the same square.

Sunday, the Pope left for his customary summer stay at Castel Gandolfo, 15 miles south of Rome. His doctors said he was completely healed but may need partial rest for about six weeks.



Glavin and the bishop discuss the appeal.

Photo by Terrance J. Brennan

## Bishop Formally Opens Appeal

Bishop Matthew H. Clark formally launched his Catholic Thanks Giving Appeal last week by introducing the lay members of the team which will direct efforts of appeal workers in parishes throughout the diocese, and by giving his rationale for the annual campaign.

The 1981 appeal goal has been set at \$2,204,000. The monies, the bishop said, will be used to maintain pastoral office services, to strengthen

several of those ministries and to initiate new ones.

The diocese, he said, has in years past been financed by taxing parish revenues. This year, following the lead of several New York dioceses, the Catholic Thanks Giving Appeal will be aimed directly at the contributors.

The new approach, the bishop said, has the advantages of educating the people on the various works of the Church in the diocese,

appealing directly to the wealthier Catholics for greater sums, and challenging Catholics "to see ever more clearly that we are members of a broad communion of faith." In that, he said, "we will be richer when we offer what we can of our spiritual and material gifts to nourish this communion of life."

The ceremony was at a luncheon last week which drew together all but one of the lay area chairmen, the priests involved and consultant Norm McGowan.

John Glavin, the chairman, will be aided by William Ward, Anthony R. Palermo, Michael Piehler, and Don McConville of Rochester, John Bisgrove Jr. of Auburn, John Gough of Horseheads and John Pryor of Hornell.

Auxiliary Bishop Dennis W. Hickey joins Bishop Clark at the lead of the appeal organization. Father James Marvin is the appeal coordinator and Father Peter Bayer operations manager.

## Bishop States Aims of Drive

In November we will conduct our first Annual Catholic Thanks Giving Appeal. By this effort I will invite every member of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester to support the work of the Church in our 12 counties.

This Appeal replaces a system of taxation on ordinary parish income. In adopting this manner of funding, we join the seven other dioceses in our state and numerous others throughout the country in asking directly from our people their personal, generous response in meeting our common responsibilities.

This year's Appeal will help us to maintain those ministries and services which go beyond parish boundaries but which are a part of our diocesan commitment. These include training of candidates for priesthood, the Permanent Diaconate and other ministries, Campus Ministry, our Marriage Tribunal, Catholic Chaplaincies for hospitals and other institutions, Spanish Apostolate, Black Ministries, Catholic Family life, curriculum and personnel services for the religious education of our young, Southern Tier Office of Social Ministry and many other diocesan programs.

Your contribution this year will allow us to strengthen our marriage preparation programs, our ministry to the youth of the black community and family and youth service to our growing Hispanic community.

Your generosity this year will enable us to initiate a substantial and ongoing study program for the continued development of our diocesan clergy. It will enable us to be a magnet parish for our significant hearing-impaired community. Your contribution will permit us to develop expanded Ministry to Youth.

Besides providing the financial means to meet the pastoral challenges of the day, my hope is that this Appeal will offer us these advantages as well:

- It will foster a new awareness among our people of the proud story of the work of the Church in our diocese.
- In appealing directly to our people through



parish communities, we will be able to ask more of those to whom more has been given.

- We will be challenged to see ever more clearly that we are members of a broad communion of faith; and we will be richer when we offer what we can of our spiritual and material gifts to nourish this communion of life.

It is my ardent hope that we will all be more conscious of the living reality and total needs of our diocesan Church family and that this Thanks Giving Appeal will strengthen our unity.

Every parish will be asked to organize a team of my representatives so that each and every one of our Catholic families may be contacted this fall, not simply in my name, but in the name of the Lord and of the countless thousands who will benefit directly from this major appeal. Nothing would please me more than to have 100 percent participation by all of the priests, religious and laity across our 12-county diocese.

I ask you for your prayers and cooperation to make the first Annual Catholic Thanks Giving Appeal a most successful one.

*Matthew H. Clark*

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