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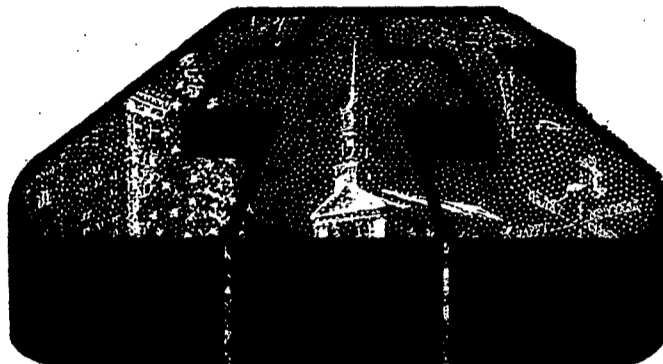
The 13th annual Courier-Journal Christmas Fund drive, run in conjunction with Catholic Charities, begins this week.

Since its inception in 1969, the fund has grown each year; in 1980, \$52,000 was contributed throughout the diocese.

Charities uses the money to help the poorest of the poor in the diocese.

Poverty exists in every part of the diocese, from its urban centers to rural communities. As part of the annual drive, the Courier-Journal prints the 100 "neediest cases" in the diocese, as provided by agencies of Catholic Charities. All the cases are true and documented but they are only representative of many more.

While many contributors may be moved by particular cases cited while others elicit less response, the agencies of Catholic Charities must use their expertise in distributing the aid so that as many as possible are helped.



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Christmas Fund

Parishes or organizations who wish to participate in the fund should contact the Catholic Charities office.

Anthony J. Costello, publisher and general manager of the Courier-Journal, said that "in recent years we have begun the fund just before Thanksgiving to provide more time for contributions. We all know that time seems to fly more

quickly during the holiday season so we advise those wishing to help to send in their donations as soon as possible."

Contributions should be sent to:

Courier-Journal/
Catholic Charities
Christmas Fund
50 Chestnut St.
Rochester, N.Y. 14604

Neediest Cases in Diocese

1 A is in his late 60s. He has spent most of his life working at marginal jobs and being periodically institutionalized for mental problems. He wants to be independent. He's friendly and outgoing. Though he has a small income, he can manage in the subsidized apartment he recently moved to; however, he cannot afford the furniture and household items he needs without help.

2 Mrs. S is the sole support of her family. She receives only Social Security and must care for a chronically ill son. Her own health is not good. Sharing the spirit and abundance of Christmas will bring her special happiness.

3 K, aged 65, spent her childhood and early adult years in an institution for the mentally retarded. Her later years have been spent with a family, assisting with household chores. Because of changes in the family and K's increased age and ill health, she has left the family to live on her

Bishop Hickey Hospitalized

Bishop Dennis W. Hickey has been admitted to the coronary care unit at St. Mary's Hospital where he is undergoing tests. His condition was listed as stable Monday morning.

Bishop Matthew H. Clark requests prayers for Bishop Hickey's speedy recovery.

own. She has no family and few friends and lives on a minimum income. She needs help at Christmas so she can really feel she is loved and loveable.

4 W is terminally ill. She has two children: a 10-year-old boy and 12-year-old girl. This may be the last Christmas that this family will spend together. W has a limited income and there are numerous medical expenses.

5 D is the mother of six young children. She has a limited income and it will be quite difficult for her to provide for this large family.

6 F is 71 years old, receives very limited Social Security (less than \$200), and is not eligible for Supplemental Security Income because he owns a small piece of property. His perception of the meaning of his external reality is distorted, thus giving a delusional quality to his thinking, plus his inability to read or write makes community living very difficult for him. F lives in a single room without access to cooking facilities and mostly eats cold food. His income does not provide sufficient money for food and clothing.

7 T is a 40-year-old father of three, who is confined to a wheelchair due to severe arthritis. Recently, his wife of 10 years left the family. This family has a fixed income and is having difficulty in providing for T's

care and meeting all of the expenses for the basic needs of the entire family.

8 S has three children and is recently divorced. She is on public assistance and finds it difficult to make ends meet on her limited income. She is trying to enter a training program so that she will have an employable skill.

9 Mr. and Mrs. U have two children and recently learned that they are expecting a third child. Both have been employed at minimum wage jobs, barely enough to sustain their family. Mrs. U will soon have to stop working. Christmas will be very bleak unless they receive some special help at Christmas time.

10 S is a 19-year-old mother with four children who has a limited income from welfare. Because of economic problems, this family is not going to be able to celebrate Christmas unless some kind of economic help is given to her and her children.

11 Mrs. R is a mother of eight children who is in need of some kind of assistance during Christmas because her income, received from welfare, is limited.

12 Mrs. D has just been married. Her children from a former marriage are in foster care and they will be returned to her before

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U.S. BISHOPS:

1. Study on Curbing Nuclear Arms

Washington — The National Conference of Catholic Bishops has launched a year-long study on the issue of curbing nuclear arms.

Led by Archbishop John R. Roach of Minneapolis-St. Paul, president of the conference, the bishops established a Committee on War and Peace, headed by Archbishop Joseph L. Bernardin of Cincinnati.

"At a time when the secular debate is openly discussing the issue of limited nuclear weapons and winnable nuclear wars," Archbishop Roach told the bishops, "it is useful to repeat clearly what we already know from Catholic teaching."

The Church is obliged to speak on the issue because, on a global scale, the nuclear arms race is "the most dangerous moral issue in the public order today," he said.

"The Church needs to say 'no' clearly and decisively to the use of nuclear arms. What is spent directly for guns directly reduces what is available for the quality of care and life for the least among us."

He further coupled the arms race and current Reagan Administration budget cuts: "In the past, it was presumed in the United States that we could spend whatever we decided for defense and still be a compassionate society. That assumption is today denied in fact."

Government, he said, has a responsibility to provide for people forced to make choices "between bread and rent, between money for heating oil and the need to pay for health care for children."

"Neither the private sector nor the Church can fill the gap created by recent cuts in the federal budget," he said. "We will do our part, but our own social teaching calls on the state to do its part."

Bishop Thomas C. Kelly, NCCB general secretary, in commenting on the year-long study on nuclear arms, said a resolution from the full conference will be considered next year.

2. Support Hatch Amendment

Washington (RNS) — Only one dissent was recorded when a vote was taken here on backing by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops of a constitutional amendment allowing Congress and the states to determine abortions law.

Members of the conference at their annual meeting here were given an opportunity to show their solidarity with the decision after some bishops complained that the amendment, proposed by Sen. Orrin G. Hatch of Utah, was not an adequate attempt to halt abortions.

Bishop Joseph V. Sullivan of Baton Rouge, La., cast the

lone vote against the resolution. He made no comment following the vote, but earlier had argued that the amendment, if passed by two thirds of both houses and three quarters of the state legislatures, might result in states with lenient abortion laws becoming "abortion mills."

Cardinal Terence Cooke of New York and Archbishop John R. Roach of Minneapolis-St. Paul, conference president, had testified in the Senate in favor of the amendment. Cardinal Cooke also introduced the resolution at the bishops' meeting.

"It has been nearly nine years since the decisions of the Supreme Court gave

constitutional protection to abortion," Cardinal Cooke stated. "As national opinion to abortion grows, so does the rate of abortion. A solution is long overdue."

In light of the Church's commitment "to the defense of all unborn human lives . . . we support the Hatch Amendment as a realistic step which makes it possible to restore legal protection to the unborn."

The amendment would allow both Congress and the states to enact legislation against abortion, the stricter law prevailing. It would declare that abortion is not a constitutional right, as held by the 1973 Supreme Court decision.

3. 'For You And for All'

Washington — Midway through the National Conference of Catholic Bishops meeting here, word was received that Pope John Paul II had approved dropping masculine language from the Canon of the Mass.

Henceforth, the Eucharistic Prayer will affirm that Christ died "for you and for all,"

instead of "for you and for all men."

The announcement was greeted with prolonged applause — the U.S. bishops had requested such a change a year ago.

Archbishop Rembert Weakland of Milwaukee who shepherded the approval of

the amendment last year told the bishops that the change would "relieve the anguish" of many women who have felt themselves excluded when they hear the reference to "all men" in the Mass.

The papal statement did not refer to feminist complaints. It said only that the request by the bishops was approved.