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Mingling

Pope John Paul II mingles with a huge crowd in a Rome suburb on Sunday, Nov. 15, during a visit to a parish church. In an earlier address to 60,000 people gathered in St. Peter's Square, the pontiff said that workers had the right to seek jobs in the country of their choice. He declared, "Immigration not only provides jobs but serves a better understanding among nations." (RNS)

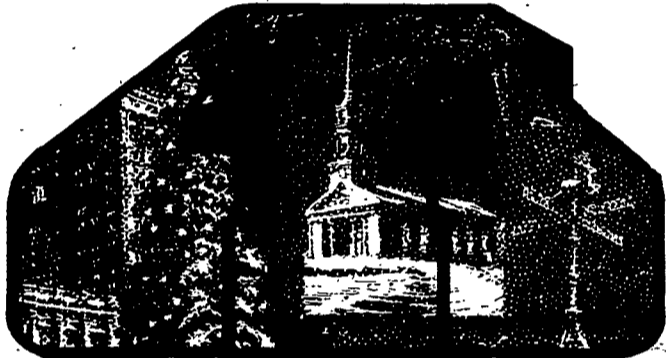
Christmas Appeal Assists the Poor

Each of the stories in the Courier-Journal/Catholic Charities Christmas Fund appeal is true. Each recounts the suffering borne by people in our very midst, and each story represents a problem, which, with our help, can be solved.

Readers of the Courier-Journal through the past 13 years have responded generously to the appeal, and in so doing have helped the poorest of the poor.

All funds received go to helping the needy. Those agencies which distribute the assistance, Catholic Charities agencies, the Office of Human Development, and the diocesan Office of Urban Ministry, all donate the administrative costs of the program.

The help is given in every quarter of the diocese from the urban centers to the rural waysides, and while the cases here are quite specific, they only represent



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the far wider consequences of poverty throughout our diocese.

While many readers may be moved by a particular case cited, leaving another case unnoticed, the distributing agencies are entrusted with giving help so that as many as possible are assisted.

Parishes and other

organizations wishing to participate in the fund have been asked to contact the Catholic Charities office.

Persons wishing to contribute to the fund are asked to send donations to:

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Christmas Fund
50 Chestnut St.
Rochester, N.Y. 14604



Pastoral Visit

A group of 50 fourth grade students from St. Theodore's School, Gates, were treated to a rare tour last Thursday through diocesan headquarters, the Pastoral Center, on Buffalo Road. Sister Janice Morgan, former principal at St. Theodore's, now assistant superintendent of diocesan schools, led the tour that included the bishop's office, the office of planning and management, and even the printing department in the building's basement. Above, the children are greeted on their arrival by Father William Flynn, center, Chancellor of the diocese; Sister Morgan; and Father Thomas Valenti, far right, vocations director.

Is an Emerald Due In the Family Crown?

By Joan M. Smith

The City of Cork, located in the county of the same name, is situated on the Lee River on the southeastern coast of Ireland. What does this bit of Irish geography have to do with Rochesterians? Quite a bit, if William Sullivan, managing director of the Strathallan, and the Rochester city fathers have their way. Sullivan, with Frank Lamb, president of the Rochester International Sister Cities Committee, and Thomas Ryan, Mayor of Rochester, have been spearheading a proposal that Cork become Rochester's seventh sister city.

In fact, Sullivan is so enthused about the project he volunteered for a goodwill trip to the Irish city last summer. While there, he met with Paud Black, Lord Mayor of Cork, and Joseph McHugh, city manager, to sell the idea of a Rochester/Cork linkup. And sell is the job because an ironic situation has developed since Rennes, France, became Rochester's first sister city in the late 50s. Competition among U.S. cities for sister

cities has grown, and there are others vying with Rochester for Cork's favor.

The sister city program evolved from a White House Conference called by President Dwight Eisenhower in 1956. Its purpose is to increase international understanding and foster world peace by furthering international communication and exchange. According to Sullivan, if Rochester and Cork become related, the latter will benefit economically, the former, culturally. Because many of Rochester's industries like Kodak, Xerox, Dollinger Corp., and Pennwalt have branches located in Ireland, Sullivan tackled his goodwill tour armed with letters of introduction from Rochester business and industry leaders as well as from the Hibernian Society.

Comparatively, Rochester is a young city, incorporated as a city in 1834. Cork was incorporated as a city in 800. While Rochester grew in comparative peace, Cork's history is inundated with

invasions. In the ninth century the marauding Danes occupied it. They were ousted in 1172 by Dermot MacCarthy who swore allegiance to Henry II of England. In a later century the besieged city was occupied by Oliver Cromwell in 1649, and the Duke of Marlborough in 1690.

Aside from the historical differences, however, Sullivan pointed out what the two cities do have in common. "We're both river cities — Cork on the Lee, Rochester on the Genesee. We both have old and strong industrial ties with the common product of shoe manufacturing." Like Rochester, he explained, Cork's single item production gave way to high technology industries, and automobiles, rubber, leather, cotton and woolen goods are manufactured in the county.

While working on the project, Sullivan was surprised to discover the great interest shown by Rochesterians. He attributed this to the mystique

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The Neediest Cases

26 Mrs. J is a 35-year-old woman who is experiencing emotional problems. She has two children and is struggling to provide for them on a fixed income.

27 A is 68 years old and retired. He has sole responsibility for his 10-year-old granddaughter. Their income is limited.

28 The day before Mrs. M was scheduled for mandatory surgery, her home burned down. Her three children had to be placed in temporary foster care. On her discharge from the hospital, Mrs. M moved in with her sister, who is fighting cancer, and began looking for a new home. She has found the apartment but must spend every extra penny on obtaining adequate furnishings so that her children may be returned.

29 L was badly burned while working on his

truck and it exploded. He is unable to go back to work at this time. He is looking for work but has only found part-time employment. He has five children.

30 F is in his 70s and is fortunate enough to be living in a subsidized building for senior citizens but has few friends and no family to share his holiday with. He is an extremely generous man and will share his last dollar with someone he perceives as more needy than himself. This virtue often is carried too far and frequently by month's end he is left without enough for food.

31 Mrs. B, a young mother of two, lives in one of the rural countryside's most impoverished areas. After leaving an abusive husband, she is beginning to make a new life for herself and her children. Until her children are in school she must rely on public assistance.

32 Mr. and Mrs. M are an elderly couple trying to make ends meet on Social Security. Last year, the installation of a new furnace depleted their limited savings and this winter's fuel bills will consume a substantial portion of their monthly checks. M used to make his living as a farmer and took pride in his self-sufficiency and independence.

33 Mr. and Mrs. G and their two young sons live in a mobile home on a remote country road. G is employed as a mechanic, but medical bills for his seven-year-old son cut into a very limited income.

34 L has been unemployed for almost two years, and because he worked as a self-employed carpenter, he has received no unemployment compensation. He is presently being "retrained" through a surviving CETA program.

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