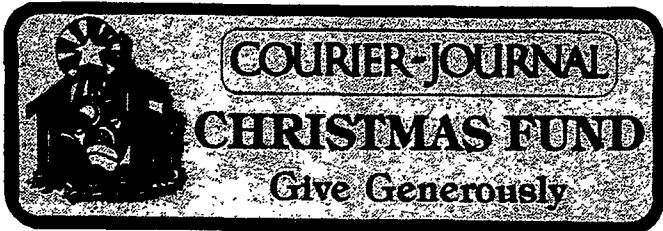


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## Christmas Fund Drive Nears Close

The celebration of Christmas is fast approaching, and with it the conclusion of the Courier-Journal Christmas Fund drive.

Now in its 13th year, the fund drive provides for a brighter Christmas for the poorer of the diocese.

In conjunction with the drive, the Courier-Journal publishes the true cases of 100 of the neediest in our area.

Those hundred, however, are only indicative of much

more vast human misery in our cities and in our rural areas.

Because some cases may elicit more reader concern, disbursement of the funds is left to agencies of Catholic Charities so that as many people as possible will be helped.

Readers are invited to contribute to:

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

## Neediest Cases in Diocese

**61** In the C family, the father is out of work; the mother, who has a hearing problem, cares for the five children; and the youngest child has a heart defect and needs constant medical attention.

**62** Mrs. F is 80 and chronically ill. She has two children whose own illnesses prevent them from caring for her. Raises in rents and utilities take so much of her income she no longer has sufficient money for other necessities.

**63** The Xs are involved in both Church and community. They are living a very basic existence because of two sick children. Though there is income from employment, there are no luxuries in their lives and they are falling farther and farther behind in debt.

**64** R is a veteran who cannot put the war behind him. He has a small

apartment and is an outpatient at a psychiatric hospital. His friends frequently take advantage of him and steal his disability money.

**65** B has four children. She is on disability and is unable to work. She is barely able to provide food and clothing for her children.

**66** Mrs. M and her daughter live together and a son rents an upstairs room. Mrs. M has psychological problems and is on welfare. Her son works and gives her \$40 a week to feed and clothe all three. Welfare covers only rent.

**67** Mrs. V, the mother of nine, has multiple sclerosis and is confined to a wheelchair. Mr. V is retired and recently was hospitalized. The older children help, but the younger ones are still in school.

**68** L is a single mother of a five-year-old child. She was recently fired for refusing to work a double shift for the third straight day. She has very little in the way of savings, and is struggling to meet her on-going bills.

**69** Because of rising heating costs the Rs are growing increasingly indebted to the utility company. Because of their efforts to pay off the back bill, they are unable to make other purchases needed by their children.

**70** Y is an older woman who lives alone in a small trailer in a rural area. She frequently gets behind in her bills.

**71** M is a construction worker in a rural county and is now unemployed. Despite his wife's efforts to economize his weekly unemployment check, she cannot cover the

expense of three growing children.

**72** Mrs. N's husband left her after 30 years of marriage. She is caring for their three retarded sons and a six-year-old granddaughter. She has no personal income.

**73** M has been unable to work regular hours because of a foot problem. The couple got behind in bills, and, in order to avoid eviction, they had to put most of their income into rent.

**74** J was injured several years ago and now supports his wife and five children on his disability payments. Mrs. J supplemented her husband's income with a part-time job, but she has now been laid off.

**75** D moved to this rural area from a large city in the hopes of making a

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### Neither Rain, Nor Sleet...

A bitter snowstorm didn't prevent groundbreaking ceremonies last Wednesday, Dec. 7 for the new education complex at St. Joseph's Villa on Dewey Avenue. Above, Stan Zawacki, president of the board of directors, Bishop Matthew H. Clark, and Janet Welch, campaign co-chairperson, use a three-way shovel during the program. Left, Bishop Clark spoke briefly to the crowd of over 150 students, faculty, trustees and friends before adjourning to a small reception in a much warmer place.

### Day of Prayer For Peace Dec. 15

Tomorrow, Dec. 15, has been designated a diocesan Day of Prayer for Peace by Bishop Matthew H. Clark. Prayer services and other activities are scheduled in a number of parishes across the diocese to note the day. Bishop Clark will spend the day in retreat, joining his prayer for peace with that of diocesans. In the observance, the Courier-Journal publishes this week appropriate prayers on Pages 10 and 11.

## Papal First: Role in Lutheran Rite

Rome --Received with respect if not enthusiasm, Pope John Paul II joined in a Lutheran service Sunday night here, the first time that a pope has done so since the Reformation.

The pope "half-invited himself" to the service at the Evangelical Lutheran Church, according to its pastor, the Rev. Christoph Meyer.

The visit was brought about by a spontaneous invitation last year by a member of the parish board. The pope told the board member that he would like to visit the church in 1983, the year commemorating the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's birth. When the Vatican on Nov. 11 issued a letter marking the birth of Luther, it also announced the visit.

Pastor Meyer said he meant no lack of discourtesy to the pope but that the invitation should be clarified because some Italian Protestants felt the visit implied recognition of papal authority.

Thus Lutheran officials stressed that the service was not an ecumenical one but a regular Advent service. But, according to the New York Times, the Vatican said the liturgy had been thoroughly discussed and approved by the pope's representatives.

The pope was not without criticism from within his own church. French Archbishop Marcel LeFebvre, though apparently not mentioning the service in particular, criticized the pope's efforts in ecumenism. He was joined in the pronouncement by Bish-

op Antonio de Castro Mayer, retired head of the diocese of Campos, Brazil. At a press conference in Olten, Switzerland, they made public an open letter to the pope which criticized the new Code of Canon Law as well as the ceremonies and discourses which have marked the commemoration of Martin Luther.

Some 400 people, by invitation only, were in attendance and they heard a papal sermon on the theme of reconciliation of all Christians. The pope also stressed the many issues still separating Catholic and Protestant churches.

"We long for unity," the pope said, "and we strive for unity without letting ourselves be discouraged by the difficulties that may pile up along the way."

The service opened with a Pastor Meyer reading a prayer for Christian unity composed by Luther. The prayer was suggested to the pastor by the pope.

Before the service, Meyer said the pope would be welcomed to the parish as "the bishop of Rome" and that the visit "cannot signify a recognition of the primacy of the pope."

"Ecumenism signifies a collaboration and a meeting of brothers and sisters in a richness of faith which is common and diverse," said Meyer. "Ecumenism for our community does not mean fusion, which is a thing which causes confusion, but rather a unity in a reconciled diversity, or a unity based upon a sufficient unity of faith."