

# Human Development Collection Set Sunday

The collection funding the Campaign for Human Development will be taken up in diocesan parishes this weekend.

In a letter to diocesans, Bishop Matthew H. Clark observed that "our diocese has always been generous in supporting the Campaign for Human Development."

According to Dorothy Kaiser, CHD diocesan coordinator, one fourth of the diocesan collection is retained here for distribution to local programs.

Among those programs which would qualify for funding are those "which benefit the poor and the needy and in which the poor and the needy have a dominant voice; programs which aid social and economic development and attack the basic causes of poverty by effecting institutional change; and projects which educate about poverty, its causes, effects and the rationale for the Church's involvement in working for justice," Mrs. Kaiser said.

Most of the 220 projects receiving national grants this year are local organizations



seeking to improve conditions in their own communities.

The Spanish Action Coalition of Rochester is one such project. In its second year of funding, SAC, a grass-roots organization with citywide membership, continues to advocate for the rights and opportunities of Hispanic people in the Rochester area.

Grants are made to a wide variety of racial and ethnic groups in both urban and rural areas. Funds are granted on a non-denominational basis.

"This program promotes human dignity, self-respect

and fair treatment," said Father Marvin A. Mottet, CHD executive director. "That's what people want, that's what they deserve. That's what the campaign provides."

In its 13 years of funding, CHD has allocated approximately \$75 million to more than 2,000 self-help projects.

Besides funding self-help projects, CHD serves as a resource for information on domestic poverty, and it provides parishes and schools with justice education materials and training for diocesan personnel in social ministry.



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My Dear Friends:

"Building the Peace", the challenge facing contemporary people has its roots in the Biblical notion of SHALOM, the fullness of God's blessings in our human situation. Pope John Paul II and his immediate predecessors developed the concept of "Building the Peace" in their papal teachings, and it is the concern of my brother bishops in Part III of our recent pastoral: THE CHALLENGE OF PEACE.

How do we build the peace in our interdependent, technological society where we still rely on each other for our food supply, for housing needs, for a clean environment, and for the production and exchange of goods and services for our bodies, homes and workplaces? The pattern of each of our daily lives gives evidence of a network of dependency on other human beings. "The moral challenge of interdependence tests our idea of human community." (CHALLENGE OF PEACE)

The Campaign for Human Development recognized the profound nature of our interdependence and strives to build peace by working for justice. Started by the United States Bishops in the early '70's, the Campaign for Human Development funds self-help projects controlled by low-income people and is dedicated to removing the causes of domestic poverty -- a poverty which violates the peace. There are more than 34.4 million Americans living in poverty, or 15% of the population -- more than one American in seven. There are fears that this will leave a permanent underclass in our society. More than one-third (35.6%) of the black community and one-fourth (29.9%) of the hispanic community currently live below the poverty line. Today we witness the increasing "feminization of poverty", since two of every three adults living in poverty are women. Over one-fifth of our nation's children are growing up in poverty.

Now the exchange of resources through the Campaign for Human Development in which your contributions directly assist low-income persons attain dignity, self-respect and hope through the management and implementation of projects addressing their needs is a realistic effort toward peacemaking. This past year we were able to help seven groups in five counties of our diocese with our local share of the collection, additionally, the Spanish Action Coalition of Rochester was awarded a large national grant for a second year.

Our diocese has always been generous in supporting the Campaign for Human Development, and I ask you as followers of the Risen Christ to be as generous as you can in your support of the Campaign this year on Sunday, May 6. Through your help we can join our efforts in building the peace by sharing the fullness of God's blessings with one another.

With every best wish I remain,

Your brother in Christ,  
*Matthew H. Clark*  
Matthew H. Clark  
Bishop of Rochester

## Work for Peace, Reagan Tells Catholic Educators

Boston (NC) -- In a telegram to Catholic educators April 24, President Reagan resolved to work for peace and the eventual elimination of nuclear and chemical weapons.

"The latest expression of our resolve for peace," Reagan told the National Catholic Educational Association convention, "is

in our draft treaty for banning entirely the possession, production, acquisition, retention or transfer of chemical weapons."

Reagan appeared at NCEA conventions in 1982 and 1983 in Chicago and Washington respectively. As the 1984 convention met in Boston Reagan was en route to China.

The Reagan administration had unveiled its latest proposal for a chemical weapons treaty the previous week.

Without freedom there can be no just peace and without peace there can be no true freedom, Reagan said in his message. "Our American heritage recognizes the force of these truths and obliges us to work for peace, to strive for the reduction and eventual elimination of nuclear and chemical weapons, and to control, as best we can, conventional weapons," he said.

"But this we shall never achieve without a reduction in tensions and differences that produce those weapons. That change is one for which we should all pray, for it requires a change of heart," Reagan said.

Reagan sent his telegram to Bishop John Cummins of Oakland, Calif., chairman of the NCEA board of directors.

Reagan congratulated Catholic educators for their efforts to promote peace and said that "the work of Catholic education represents a model of excellence for all America."

The president told the group that it had been a pleasure to address the NCEA in the past on such issues as tuition tax credits.

"On that issue as well as on the most important task of restoring the right of life to the unborn, I pledge to continue the struggle and, with your help, I am confident that we shall prevail," he said.

## Notre Dame Student Named Finalist as Presidential Scholar

Elmira -- Rolf Mueller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rolf K. Mueller of Sayre, Pa., and a graduating senior at Notre Dame High School, has been named among the 500 finalists in the United States Presidential Scholars Program.

A release from the U.S. Department of Education and the Commission on Presidential Scholars said the program identifies annually the most distinguished and accomplished graduating high school seniors in the nation.

The 20-year-old program has honored more than 2,000 students in its course.

As a finalist, Mueller has received a certificate from the presidential commission.

Later this month, 141 students will be chosen as presidential scholars and will be honored in June in Washington, D.C. during National Recognition Week, when they will be feted by elected representatives, educators, and others in public life.

Selection is based on numerous factors in addition to academic excellence, the release said. Such factors include achievement in the visual and performing arts and creative writing, demonstrated leadership ability, contribution of energy and creativity to school and community, and achievement in the sciences and other fields of interest.

## State Society Elects McIntyre New President

Dr. John S. McIntyre has been elected president of the New York State Psychiatric Society. He will head the 4200-member organization and represent New York State and Puerto Rico on the Assembly Executive Committee of the American Psychiatric Association.

Dr. McIntyre is clinical associate professor of psychiatry at the University of Rochester Medical School and is chairman of the Division of Psychiatry at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester.



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## Tomb Replica On Altar

For Easter Sunday, the floral committee at St. Mary's, Scottsville, decided to dramatize the rising of Christ by constructing a replica of the Lord's tomb, complete with burial shroud, right. According to Father Joseph Brennan, pastor, the structure may remain part of the altar scene through Ascension Thursday.



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The following item was stated incorrectly in the April 25th issue: 4 tier cake (serves 175 to 200) is \$70, not \$160!

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