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Pioneer in Mission

Sister Rosalma Hayes SSSJ, an orchid at her waist, embarks alone on the S.S. Argentina, Oct. 4, 1964, enroute to found the Rochester Sisters of St. Joseph missions in Brazil. An account of that foundation, which will be celebrated Friday, Dec. 7, is on Page 11.

'On Right Track,' But Pastoral Seen Needing Changes

By NC News Service
The proposed pastoral on the U.S. economy is "on the right track" but needs changes to create a more positive final document, U.S. bishops said after hearing the first draft presented at their November meeting in Washington.

Archbishop Rembert Weakland of Milwaukee, head of the committee that prepared the letter, unveiled the first draft of the pastoral Nov. 11, and the U.S. bishops discussed it during their Nov. 12-15 general meeting in Washington.

The final draft of the pastoral is scheduled to be voted on by the bishops at their November 1985 meeting.

Archbishop Daniel E. Pilarczyk of Cincinnati called the first draft "on the right track" but both he and other bishops suggested possible areas of improvement.

For example, Archbishop Pilarczyk said, in the section on unemployment the draft urges government involvement in the creation of jobs and a collaboration between the private and public sector in creating jobs.

Bishop Rene H. Gracida of Corpus Christi, Texas, said he would like to see the pastoral be "more positive, less negative" than the first draft and "I would like to see it address specific abuses which exist within our system."

Bishop Stanislaus J. Brzana of Ogdensburg, N.Y., also said he would like the letter to "give more credit to the positive aspects of the American economy."

The first draft could be

greatly improved, Archbishop Philip M. Hannan of New Orleans said, "if more emphasis on the principle of subsidiarity would be added."

"We are yielding too much to the government," he said in a column in his archdiocesan newspaper, the Clarion Herald. "The church is more capable of conducting homes for the elderly, feeding the poor and in many cases, providing education than the government is. We should insist on performing these functions for the benefit of the people served as well as the state."

Bishop John A. Marshall of Burlington, Vt., said the draft is basically an "excellent" document, but he voiced reservations about the inclusion of policy suggestions. When the letter addresses policy objectives, norms for action and public-assistance guidelines "it tends to go beyond the competency of the bishops," he said in a news conference in Burlington.

Bishop William E. McManus of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Ind., believes the pastoral is "on its way into turbulent controversy."

"Some large and tough issues are surfacing -- the Gospel's unique relevance to economic matters; the connection between public opinion and public policy; bishops' respective duties for the eternal and the temporal and the inseparable connection of the two; the bishops' collective duty to carry forward Vatican II's teaching on the church in the modern

NBC Plans Program on Pastoral

New York (NC) — As part of the process in drafting their pastoral letter on economic justice, the U.S. bishops are seeking further dialogue on the issues addressed. One of the first forums for public discussion of the draft and its ramifications is provided by "The Bishops and the Economy," airing Sunday, Dec. 9, 5-6 p.m. EST on NBC.

(The program is not scheduled to be aired by Rochester's WROC-TV, Channel 8. Viewers should check local listings for other possibilities.)

Moderated by Robert Abernethy, 1 p.m. will

an exchange of views between Archbishop Rembert Weakland of Milwaukee, chairman of the bishop's committee drafting the pastoral, and Michael Joyce of the Lay Commission on Catholic Social Teaching and the U.S. Economy, which issued its own statement a few days before the bishops did.

world," Bishop McManus said.

Auxiliary Bishop George R. Evans of Denver said some people thought "it would be a socialistic statement doing away with the

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Christmas Appeal Also Aims to Aid Poverty Education

When Auxiliary Bishop Dennis W. Hickey returned from the recent national bishops' meeting which had discussed the forthcoming pastoral on the economy, he told local reporters that the problems of poverty are far more pervasive than many people realize.

He said he hoped the bishops' work would kindle a "deeper awareness" of poverty and its consequences; and he said he felt a lack of awareness "is fairly wide spread."

Each year at this time the Courier-Journal promotes a fund, the Courier-Journal/Catholic Charities Christmas Appeal. Its object is also to encourage readers to take a deeper look at poverty as it exists

very close to them and to respond so that the poor may at least have a brighter holiday season.

In connection with the appeal, the Courier-Journal publishes true stories of the 100 "neediest cases" in the diocese. The stories are provided by agencies of Catholic Charities. The stories, however, are also representative of hundreds of other cases of great need.

While some contributors may be moved by a particular case to contribute to that particular family or individual, and other cases may solicit less response, the agencies of Catholic Charities must use their expertise in distributing the funds so that as many as possible may be helped.

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Neediest Cases in Diocese

26 Miss T is the young, pregnant mother of a year-old son. Because she is on assistance, she has a very difficult time providing for herself and her child. The family lives in a very shabby apartment with no furniture. She has no clothing for either child nor any baby furniture.

27 The Bs are a young, hard-working couple with four infants all 10 months old. The father has a job but the instant birth of their large family has placed an extreme strain on their budget. They are struggling to provide food, clothing and the necessities for their family.

28 The Cs and their four children live on a very limited income. Several years ago C lost an arm in an accident, and just recently underwent surgery on the other arm because of

Fund Nears \$20,000

At press time, Anthony J. Costello, publisher of the Courier-Journal, announced that \$19,913.50 had been raised in the first few days of the Courier-Journal/Catholic Charities Christmas Appeal.

nerve damage. Because he can no longer work, the family must subsist on very little money.

29 A is a single expectant mother with no family supports. The father of her child is taking no responsibility. She receives public assistance but has great difficulty gathering baby items on the small amount she is allotted.

30 J is a 24-year-old divorced mother of

three. She receives public assistance since her ex-husband's child support is not enough to provide for the children. The family lives in a rural area. She would like to enroll in job training to get off welfare.

31 B is an 82-year-old woman who has lived in a furnished apartment for many years. Recently her landlord decided to renovate his property and raise the rent. She is now seeking affordable housing, but will have to settle for an unfurnished apartment. She will not be able to furnish it, however.

32 Y is unable to provide clothing either for herself or for her two young daughters. She and her children are alone and living in the inner-city.

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