

Neediest Cases

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tion worker but was not able to find work this past summer.

57 M recently moved to the area in search of work. Has found two jobs but will not be paid for a few weeks and is anxious to have his wife and two children join him.

58 L has been supporting herself and her little girl on a small income. When she injured herself on the job, she learned she had no health benefits and found herself with no way to pay her bills.

59 E is separated from her husband but has been able to provide for herself and her two children with child support and some disability income. When her husband fails to send the support money, E is unable to pay her bills.

60 F is an older woman who was the victim of a purse-snatching and lost her whole month's income. He landlord understood her plight, but she needed help with groceries.

61 T had a serious heart attack and will be eligible for disability in a few months. He and his wife live in a rural area and T had recently bought a good car, a necessity for his work. Now he finds the car makes him ineligible to receive any emergency assistance until the disability comes through.

62 D is a widow with two young children who is receiving public assistance. She is able to manage her budget throughout the year, but cannot provide for anything special at the holiday season.

63 N is 84, receives Social Security and manages his resources adequately. One occasion his check was lost in the mail. He applied for emergency assistance, but was without food until the help arrived.

64 The Js are a young couple with one child who are struggling to make ends meet. He works steadily but his wages though adequate in summer do not stretch to cover winter heating expenses.

65 W was recently widowed, and was left with three young teenagers to support. Her survivor benefits are inadequate; and until she receives some supplemental funds, she is unable to feed her family.

66 M moved with her husband and two children to a larger town so her three-year-old who has cerebral palsy could attend a special school. A short time later, her husband abandoned her and she was left with no means of support.

67 R is unable to find a job so he is struggling to make ends meet on his wife's minimal salary. When anyone in the family

gets sick, there is nothing extra to buy any medicine.

68 The L's have an unusual problem. Mother and two teenaged daughters have a rare, pre-cancer intestinal disease which requires expensive but necessary trips to Sloan-Kettering Institute in New York City. On his salary, L is unable to meet these unusually high medical costs.

69 L is in his late 50s who requires medical treatment at a Syracuse hospital. Because he does not own a car, the cost of transportation to and from the hospital drains his already limited income.

70 S is trying to work full time, manage his home and raise his three small children while his wife is hospitalized with a break-down. He has been overwhelmed by high electric bills and sometimes cannot make his food budget stretch through the week.

71 L is a young man who lives in a depressed area and therefore has difficulty finding steady employment. He works in a restaurant on an "as needed" basis and gets very discouraged because he cannot adequately provide for his wife and new baby.

72 M was separated from her husband and she and her two children had been staying with her mother. Since this was a difficult arrangement M needed help to find an apartment for herself and her daughters. Her income is such that she was unable to afford the necessary security deposit.

73 P is a young mother attending a community college so that she will be able to get a good job and get off public assistance. She and her four children have to manage without the help of food stamps which were cut when she enrolled in school.

74 The Ls are in their 50s but both recently became unemployed for serious medical reasons. While waiting payment through Social Security disability, they have no income to manage on-going bills.

75 R is a young widowed mother of three children. She has a fairly good job but during a rather prolonged layoff, she was unable to pay her fuel bill, and now needs help getting her heat turned back on.

Bishop Tutu Praised by Vatican Paper

Vatican City (NC) -- The Vatican newspaper called South African Anglican Bishop Desmond Tutu one of the "prophets of peace" in the modern world and said this year's Nobel Peace Prize-winner is fighting an apartheid system that "violates the most elemental human rights."

"Tutu's (actions) are radical evangelism and not, as some claim, political extremism," said the Dec. 6 front-page editorial written by L'Osservatore Romano vice director Gian Franco Svidercoschi.

"His choice of action is not ideological, but a sign of the Christian faith: That all men, created by the Father in his own image and redeemed by the Son, are equal," the editorial said.

Sister Marie Michelle Leaves National Post

Sister Marie Michelle Peartree, president of St. Ann's Home/The Heritage, has stepped down as president of the Association of Homes for the Aging, after serving the maximum term of two years.

William R. Thayer, administrator of a home for the aging in Madrid, Iowa, officially replaced her at the association's annual banquet in San Antonio, Tex. Sister Marie Michelle will continue on the executive board of the House of Delegates.

According to Sheldon L. Goldberg, executive vice president of AAHA, "Sister Marie Michelle Peartree's presidency has set many significant benchmarks for the AAHA. She was the first woman president ... since the association's founding in 1961. She exercised leadership in a most singular way, introducing highly innovative membership programs in insurance, national group purchasing, capital formation and public relations in order to make nonprofit homes and services for the elderly competitive in American life and to preserve their unique form of influence in our society. All of us committed to serving older people hold Sister Marie Michelle in the highest esteem."

A tribute was presented to the House of Representatives



Sister Marie Michelle at the podium.

by Rep. Barber Conable and printed in the Congressional Record. In it, Conable stated, "Sister Marie Michelle brought an unequalled degree of energy and enthusiasm to AAHA. Those of us in Congress who have been working to assure a secure future for the elderly of this country join with AAHA in celebrating Sister's achievements and her untiring service to the elderly."

"I have experienced great personal growth and happiness these past two years ... I have traveled and met the wonderful membership of this organization. On each journey and new encounter I have gained strength in knowing that the outstanding tradition and service that are provided by nonprofit homes for the aging are in good hands. I feel confident that there is a bright future for the membership of the AAHA and for the association."

Sister Marie Michelle said,

U.S. Role Assailed

S. Africa's Prosecution Of Bishop Is Protested

Washington (NC) -- Bishop James Malone of Youngstown, Ohio, president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, has written to President P.W. Botha of South Africa, and U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz protesting the prosecution of Archbishop Denis Hurley of Durban, South Africa.

In a Nov. 7 letter to Botha, Bishop Malone said that by prosecuting Archbishop Hurley, the South African government would be seen as renewing efforts to "suppress the truth about Namibia and to inhibit those who are courageous enough to witness the truth."

The NCCB president called the archbishop "a churchman of international stature with a long record of concern for social justice for all peoples."

Archbishop Hurley is scheduled to appear in court Feb. 18, 1985, on charges stemming from a 1983 press conference in which he accused a South African police counter-insurgency force called Koevoet (Crowbar) of committing atrocities in Namibia. He was charged with violating the 1958 Police Act, which makes it illegal to publish a report "regarding the South African police...without having reasonable grounds for believing the statement is true."

On Nov. 9 the archbishop entered a plea of innocent. The trial was expected to last as long as four weeks, according to the London-based Catholic Institute for International Relations.

Bishop Malone said he was astonished at the charges made against Archbishop

Hurley, criticized the South African government for resisting international calls for Namibia's independence, and called for withdrawal of South African forces from Namibia.

In his letter to Shultz, in which he enclosed a copy of the letter to Botha, Bishop Malone said he was dismayed that the U.S. government

"abstains" when the United Nations Security Council speaks of censuring South Africa." He said U.S. citizens "may well question the moral principles that permit business as usual and cooperation with a government which occupies Namibia and continues to practice apartheid at Rome." Apartheid is South Africa's system of legalized racism.

Fr. Paul J. Cuddy



On the Right Side

Matador Father O'Malley

The quixotic Jesuit, Father O'Malley at McQuaid, becomes the matador poised to thrust the fatal descabello into my poor skull (C-J, 11/28). Why? Because of my concern about the Jesuits who for centuries have been the leaders in loyalty, guidance and holiness in the Catholic Church. After reading "The Pope and the Jesuits" by Dr. James Hitchcock, this column expressed concern about the direction of an influential higher echelon of Jesuits in the States (C-J, 11/14). Our matador writes: "When will the columnist -- and the contributors to the Opinion column -- begin to smellen (sic) their mountains down to the molehills they are, and realize that the 'enemies' within are paltry compared to the enemies without: materialism, indifference, exploitation. What would happen if their righteous indignation were turned against poverty, for instance, rather than against the brethren struggling along side them?"

The problem is not "the brethren struggling alongside." It is with the brethren who are alongside undermining the pope, the magisterium; supporting dissidence within the Church. This is no "smellened" mountain, but a grave condition which Pope John Paul is trying to contain. There are many great and good Jesuits, doing splendid things, but

they do not seem to be in the upper echelons.

In July 1967, I made my retreat at the Jesuit house in Auriesville under Jesuit Father Dineen, rector of Shrub Oak Jesuit Seminary. In my notes I read: "After lunch, I talked with Father Dineen, sitting under a tree. We exchanged views about currents in the Church. He smiled about the new breed Jesuits and is optimistic about their stabilizing, although he is conscious of a great hostility from them toward the institutional Church. He suggests that the most insidious danger we will have in 'the Third Way.' In this Catholics will not externally leave the Church, hence no schism, but will remain within the Church, accepting what they will, the morality which they find satisfying, the Mass and the sacraments as the Spirit moves them -- and only tenuously remaining part of the institutional Church." There seems a prophetic fulfillment of this within the Society of Jesus.

Evidently Father O'Malley had not read "The Pope and the Jesuits" before he rushed to the ink pot. I bought and distributed 50 copies, with the earnest hope that the Jesuits will return to their historic eminence in fidelity to the pope, adherence to Catholic teaching, and developing the great spiritual tradition of St. Ignatius. Without these, the concern evinced by our matador is the concern of social workers, not of Christians. Mother Teresa loves and serves the poor, but she does not sell the Church short.

THOUGHTS TO CONSIDER



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I want to begin dating, will my children understand?

Children of all ages need to be included in all plans made after the death of a spouse. The time will come for many widowed persons when dating is appropriate and desirable. Children's reactions may be supportive, protective, jealous, or insecure. The child may feel that bringing a new person into a relationship is a betrayal of the deceased. All family members should be encouraged and permitted to discuss feelings about the new relationship and how it affects the family. The surviving spouse can make it clear that dating is important. Assurance that the children will be cared for is shown by willingness to talk and by actions that show sensitivity to the children's needs.

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