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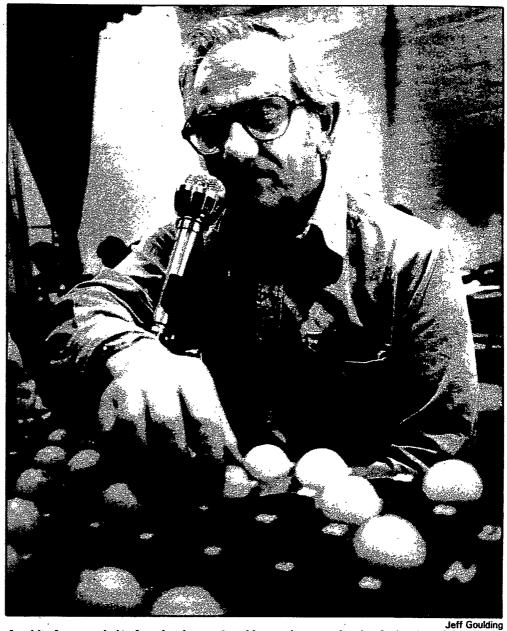
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ided funds, but also offers opportunities for socialization, especially among the elderly.



A spirit of camaraderie often develops among bingo volunteers despite the hard work involved.



Michigan man convinces Catholics to 'give as the Lord gives to them'

Many Catholics consider bingo, raffles and second collections as unofficial articles of faith. But to G.I. "Jiggs" Lenzi, such activities have long seemed unlikely means by which to support the Kingdom of God on earth.

The Michigan resident has spent a half his life trying to convince fellow Catholics throughout the country that there is an alternative, which he calls sacrificial givin

Since he repackaged the concept as "sacrificial giving," Lenzi has not done another fund drive. Nor has his new approach failed to increase revenues in the 688 parishes where he has presented it todate.

He typically begins by assessing a parish's giving record to determine the average weekly donation per family. In the 1960s, that figure was commonly less than \$1, and it remains well under \$5 on average

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Despite the moral implications raised by church-sponsored games of chance, the 1986 Notre Dame Study of Catholic Parish Life reports that bingo still ranks second only to Mass among the best-attended parish functions. and the states and the second states of the second second second second second second second second second seco

