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ployed, but earns only \$4.75 an hour. Mrs. T. is unable to work. While his income is high enough to make him ineligible for most public assistance, it is not sufficient to support his family.

17 Ms. R. is a young, single mother who found the courage to leave her physically abusive boyfriend. Her two-year-old son is becoming less aggressive, but Ms. R. became pregnant before her boyfriend left. She says this pregnancy will slow her down as she is trying to go to school and get off public assistance.

18 Mrs. S. is an abandoned mother of two sons, ages 10 and 12. She is in poor health due to diet. She works part time as a kitchen aid for minimum wages. The house in which Mrs. S. and sons reside is dilapidated with no insulation. The family has been without utilities all summer and they are behind in the rent. Mrs. S. has been unable to locate her husband for child-support payments.

19 Mrs. P. is a mother of five children. Her husband has been in jail for one year. Mrs. P.'s oldest daughter, age 15, is pregnant. The family receives public assistance, which is only enough to pay the rent. The food-stamp allowance they receive does not last long. They often find themselves short of food and money at the end of the month.

20 Ms. L. is a 35-year-old single mother of three teenage children. The eldest attends high school and works part time in the evenings to help the family pay for food and clothing. The family is on public assistance, and Ms. L. has obtained educational grants to pay for her tuition at Monroe Community College. Ms. L. has been struggling to keep her family from going under. Her aim is to become

self-sufficient and to get her family off public assistance.

21 Ms. F. is the mother of six children. One died three months ago. Ms. F. has been without income for two months and public assistance is pending. Ms. F. wants to work, but has no marketable skills, making it difficult for her to find employment.

22 Ms. P., age 34, is struggling to raise her three children while her husband is in prison. Two years ago, Ms. P. was employed and supporting her family. But then her back was injured in an automobile accident, and she was forced to go on disability. Ms. P. finds it difficult to keep her children well fed and clothed on public-assistance grants.

23 Ms. M. is a 36-year-old single mother of five children. Although she is receiving public assistance, Ms. M. works part time in the evenings to make ends meet. One of her daughters has difficulties with her eyesight and may need surgery. This situation has caused both mother and daughter to undergo much emotional stress.

24 Mr. and Mrs. J., ages 71 and 81, are a black couple living in a shack in a rural area. Since they own the shack, they refuse to move. Electricity and heating costs in the winter are very high because they have no insulation. Mrs. J. receives about \$220 each month in Social Security and doesn't have Medicaid. Her medications are very expensive. His Social Security check is also small, and he receives a \$45 monthly pension. Because of their high heating costs, they are desperately in need of some extra money for survival.

25 Mr. M. is 77. He receives limited Social Security and is not eligible for Supplemental Security Income because he owns property on which he does not reside. His thinking is confused, and it is impossible for him to make appropriate decisions with regard to his welfare. Living in the community is very difficult for him. Financial help and donations of food and clothing will be greatly appreciated.

Father Jenco

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Shortly before Father Jenco's release on July 26, 1986, one of the guards asked forgiveness for the way that he'd treated the priest during the first few months of his captivity. Father Jenco, in turn, asked the guard's forgiveness for all the hatred he'd felt during those early days.

Now as he travels around the country, people frequently ask if he feels any hatred toward his captors. Father Jenco is quick to answer that he feels only compassion. "Hate is corrosive," he tells his audiences. "One who hates destroys his own character."

Another message Father Jenco takes around the country is that Westerners need greater understanding of the people of the Middle East. "We tend to simplify (our discussion of) the situation there," Father Jenco said, "We talk about our Middle Eastern policy and forget that that's a region made up of countries with different problems. We should be talking about our Jordanian policy or our Syrian policy."

He noted that the U.S. government likewise attempts to homogenize the Moslem faith. "There are Sunis, Shiites, and other sects," he explained. "Each is different."

"We also need to remember Moslems don't separate church and state," he added. "In Islam, the church is the state. That little insight can help us to understand them."

In Lebanon, he said, the conflict is not simply Moslem vs. Christian. "Moslem kills Moslem, Christian kills Christian, and the Christians are as guilty of kidnapping as the Moslems are," he explained. "There's tremendous political greed."

The U.S. government, he pointed out, fails to keep these distinctions in mind and to consider the importance of religion in that region of the world. Negotiation teams should include theologians as well as diplomats, Father Jenco asserted.

The Servite priest also offered some strong objections to the U.S. government's handling of the hostage situation.

"The government says, 'We'll not negotiate,' but in my case they did," Father Jenco said, referring to the Iran-contra affair. He further criticized the government for its "devaluation" of the hostage issue, noting that it is too uncomfortable a topic for even the presidential candidates to talk about. He then challenged the audience to attend a candidates' debate scheduled for Rochester and ask each of them what their positions are on the hostages and the Middle East.

Speeches like the one at Fisher are only one of Father Jenco's activities. Since July, 1987, he has also been on the staff of CRS' New York office. The strain of both is beginning to wear him down. In January, he will leave his job in New York to join the staff of The Grotto: The National Sanctuary of Our Sorrowful Mother in Portland, Oregon. There he hopes to find the peace and quiet to write a book about his experiences. Eventually, he expects to be reassigned to overseas duties with Catholic Relief Services.

He and the other former hostages — Jacobsen and the Rev. Weir — will continue to speak out about the hostage situation, however. "We promised that whoever got out would help the others get out and that they would not be forgotten," he explained. "This must be very discouraging for Tom and Terry." Anderson and Sutherland will soon mark their 1,000th day in captivity.

Liturgy, concert recall Central American martyrs

A concert and interfaith liturgy celebration on Wednesday, Dec. 2, will commemorate the seventh anniversary of four women martyred in Central America.

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