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figures are still used to determine the quota, however, the goal for the parish is too high for the actual economic situation.

Appeal officials have created a method for resolving such a problem, Sullivan said. "If a pastor felt the quota we gave him might not be achievable due to a change in the parish community, we have available for the pastor a formula/adhering committee, which is a subcommittee of the Priests' Advisory Committee," he explained. This subcommittee reviews parish quotas based on additional information supplied by the pastors. This year, 13 parishes requested reductions. Eleven of the requests were granted.

McQuaid

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vantage built up by the Red Jackets.

In a game against Syracuse's Bishop Ludden on Saturday, Dec. 12, Aquinas (1-2) squandered a 31-27 halftime lead before losing, 51-47, in Syracuse.

Paul Kucewicz led Aquinas with 19 points.

DeSALES REBOUNDED FROM a league loss to South Seneca on Wednesday, Dec. 9, to beat Gananda, 67-33, on Friday, Dec. 11.

Oratoricals

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Sounds good, doesn't it? But putting these words into action is hard.

Not long ago, the media carried a story of three young brothers, one of them my age. They are suffering from the disease called AIDS. The citizens of their city made life so unbearable for them that they were forced to leave school and their home town. The city that criticized and condemned them is quite different from the "City of God"

No parish has yet conceded failure in meeting its quota, Sullivan said. He is optimistic that parishes which have yet to submit their reports will show the same pattern of success reflected to date. Final figures for the campaign will be ready for release in early January, he said.

Father Moynihan, who was likewise pleased by the campaign's positive preliminary results, is already looking ahead to goals for future appeals. "I'd like to see our donor base expand," he said. Last year's figure of 64,200 was a substantial improvement over 1985, he pointed out. Yet it is still down from the numbers of the early 1980s, when more than 70,000 contributors participated.

"Many hands make light work, and if many people participate it makes the burden lighter on the others," he concluded.

Coach Tony Alvaro's Saints led the league game, 34-19, at the half and never looked back. DeSales (2-2) was led by Chris Ike's 17 points.

Against South Seneca earlier in the week, DeSales fell short in a 56-51 loss to its Finger Lakes West opponent. The Saints, who were never able to rebound from a dismal shooting performance in the first half, trailed 23-17 at intermission.

Pedro Rojas led DeSales with 17 points. Elmira Notre Dame's boys had the week off and don't play again until a Dec. 22 game against Trumansburg.

Where will we find the tools to build this city? They are found within ourselves — in the faith, and in the graces that support that faith.

Some people say that when the going gets tough, the tough get going — and building the City of God has to be one of the toughest tasks of all. So, why bother?

The answer lies in the words of the hymn: "The Lord of all kindness has called us to be a light for His people." We are that light. All we have to do is get turned on.

Applications for foundation tour due for teens by year-end

Applications for teenagers wishing to tour and perform with the Peace Child Foundation this summer are due December 31. Five tours to the Soviet Union, three in the United States, and one each to Israel and Central America are being offered by the foundation, a Washington-based, not-for-profit organization that promotes peace through cultural exchanges between young people.

Applicants — who should be between 12 and 18 years of age — will be invited to audi-

tion in Rochester later this winter. Application forms and information may be obtained by calling the Rochester Committee of the Peace Child Foundation at (716) 586-5447.

Each four-week tour includes a two-week rehearsal period, during which the cast prepares its own version of the musical fantasy "Peace Child" and a two-week performing schedule during which the show is presented on tour in the language of the host nation. Prior language skills are not required.

Ambulance company offers rides to holiday revelers

Holiday revelers who are in no condition to drive home can get a ride from the National Ambulance and Oxygen Service, the company's president announced recently.

National will offer the rides every night beginning Friday, Dec. 11, and ending New Year's Day, according to George T. Heisel, president.

The service will operate normally from 9 p.m. to 2:30 a.m., and until 4 a.m. on New Year's Day.

Anyone in Monroe County who is too drunk to drive can call National at (716) 546-2525. Ambulances will not be used for the program, Heisel said.

Cookbook, donation provide transportation for agency

Residents and non-residents of Rochester's northwest side have rallied around an effort to buy new vans for the Charles Settlement House, 445 Jay St., Rochester. The vans will transport more than 1,500 people annually to community events and programs, which are sponsored by the social-service agency.

Realizing that its 10-year-old van would need to be replaced, the Charles Settlement House — a Catholic Charities agency — decided to capitalize upon the rich ethnic mix of the neighborhood to pay for a new van.

"Our volunteers decided to raise money for a new van by selling a cookbook filled with the ethnic recipes of area residents," said Gail Blanchard, executive director of the settlement house.

As a result of many hours of labor — and free printing by Edison Tech students — The Charles Settlement House Collection of Recipes went on sale at \$4.50 per copy.

When news of the neighborhood's self-help program reached Citibank, the bank decided to give the Settlement House a \$15,000 grant to purchase a new, 12-seat van. News of the grant spurred neighborhood

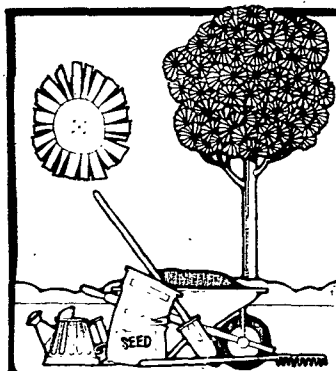
volunteers to raise more money.

"The cookbook had been in the works for two years, and was always intended to support the purchase of a new van because the old one did not meet our needs, but things never really got off the ground," Blanchard said. "When Citibank donated the funds to buy a van, people in the neighborhood were inspired to raise money for a second van."

Smoking withdrawal clinic set

For those people whose New Year's resolution is quitting smoking, Cancer Action will be starting a smoking withdrawal clinic on Thursday, Jan. 7, 1988, from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Rochester Academy of Medicine, 1441 East Ave., Rochester. The five-week program is based on group support and lifestyle changes in becoming an ex-smoker. Weight control and stress management will also be discussed.

A \$20 donation is requested, but those unable to pay will not be turned away. To register, call (716) 473-8230. Registration is limited.



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