

Appeal

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edgements sent out before totals are compiled.

"(The figure) reflects pledges that have been processed," Seeborg said. "It does not reflect pledges and gifts received that have not yet been punched into the computer."

Patrick Sullivan, diocesan appeal director, noted that pastors have also been slow this year to report results. Thus the overall figures at this point comprise fewer parish reports than in previous years.

Both Seeborg and Sullivan predicted that the diocese would achieve its goal when all the returns are in.

Despite such assurances from the development office, however, school closings and restructuring are having an impact in some parishes.

"Because of our school closing, we're getting a lot more 'No's,'" noted Roland Aube, who coordinates the campaign at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish. The parish school closed at the end of the 1988/89 school year, leaving some parishioners angry and bitter.

"(People) feel the diocese let them down, not listening to what we had to say," Aube said.

Another parish feeling the effects of the school closings is Our Lady of Mercy in Greece. Father William Endres, who is serving as temporary administrator while the pastor, Father John Quinn, is on sabbatical, said that the parish has only received pledges for 76 percent of its \$25,288 goal, and is behind last year's pace.

No one has directly cited the closing of

Cardinal Mooney in refusing to give, according to Father Endres. "We received some negative feedback about the closing," he noted. "There's some deep feelings."

Father Endres added that approximately 100 people who contributed to the 1988 TGA have not yet done so this year.

On the other hand, TGA-responses from St. Mark's Parish in Greece appear unaffected by the closing of Cardinal Mooney. According to Father Thomas Erdle, pastor, the parish has already exceeded its \$25,400 goal by approximately 7 percent.

St. John the Evangelist Parish on Ridge Road, meanwhile, has already reached 90 percent of its goal of approximately \$70,000. The parish's pastor, Father Joseph D'Aurizio, said the pledges are running a little behind last year's at this point in the TGA, but attributed the lag to layoffs at Eastman Kodak Company, not to the closing of Cardinal Mooney.

In other regions of the diocese, results are similarly mixed. St. Mary's in Auburn, for example, has already exceeded its quota of \$27,983, having taken in \$31,000 in pledges through its in-house phase. According to parish TGA coordinator Ray Kilmer, the parish will probably bring in several thousand dollars more in pledges through its follow-up efforts.

Kilmer said, however, that the success of the campaign in the parish is not due to diocesan efforts. He noted that too much of the appeal seemed to be geared to the Rochester area — and specifically cited the brochure mailed out by the TGA office as not effectively communicating to the people of his area.

"I feel they wasted money (with the brochure)," he said. "I read it, but I think most people just looked at it and threw it out."

Father Richard Murphy, pastor of St. Mary's, Corning, said that his parishioners were not pleased with the brochure either. "We've had people complain about the waste of money on the brochure," he said. "People are saying the money is not being spent wisely."

St. Mary's has reached about 80 percent of its goal of approximately \$25,000, Father Murphy said, but the amount pledged is the same as last year even though the parish quota has increased.

The parish, Father Murphy explained, has had a number of repair bills because of a leaking roof. Some people, he said, chose to give to the parish to pay the bills rather than giving to the TGA.

Even as TGA officials wait to see the outcome of this year's campaign, they are planning for the future. Changes this year

have included not only the brochure and the computer recording system, but also the development of a regional Priests' Advisory Council, and revision of the way the TGA goal is established.

In previous years, the goal was set by a committee, and the diocesan budget was developed based on that goal. This year, the diocesan budget was developed first, and the TGA goal was set according to the budget.

Departing from the pattern of previous campaigns, this year the TGA office will take over follow-up efforts after the appeal's formal close in parishes on Dec. 15. Diocesan staff members plan to contact — through a combination of direct mail or phone calls — people who have not responded, either by contributing or officially declining to contribute.

The TGA will then continue until June 30, 1990 — the end of the diocesan fiscal year.

Bishop

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bishops who annually meet to nominate candidates for committee chair openings. One-third of the NCCB's committee chairmen are re-elected each year.

Once elected, the new chairman of each committee may invite current members to continue serving, or he may replace them with new members.

Bishop Joseph L. Imesch of Joliet, Ill., former chairman of the committee on women, will be its only incumbent member. New members who accepted Bishop Clark's invitation to serve are: Archbishop Eugene Marino of Atlanta; Archbishop

Thomas Murphy of Seattle; Archbishop John Roach of Minneapolis/St. Paul; Bishop John Snyder of St. Augustine, Fla.; and Bishop Ricardo Ramirez of Las Cruces, N.M.

The new committee will meet for the first time in February. Among its agenda items will be planning a national symposium next November, entitled, "Women in Society and the Church: Catholic Perspectives," and identifying nominees for four positions as consultants to the committee.

The consultants, Bishop Clark explained, will be "professionally trained theologians, women with particular knowledge and expertise that we would like to tap into."

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