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## N. C. Catholics Help Themselves Through Diocesan Development Fund



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My dear Brethren:

Everyone admires and helps those who are trying to help themselves. The Diocese of Raleigh has been trying to help itself during these last three years by the Diocesan Development Fund. Each year, we, who are begging from others for our Catholic population of less than 1%, beg from ourselves for these same good people who are scattered over this vast territory and need all the help we can give or get for them by begging.

Last year, you good, zealous Catholics of our diocese provided for these needy Catholics and for their good priests and sisters more than thirty-five thousand dollars' worth of help and facilities which they would not have had without the Diocesan Development Fund collection.

Our two Mission Centers, staffed by the Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart at Henderson and Charlotte, are doing full-time instruction work and training teachers. Their splendid report is given in this issue of the *North Carolina Catholic*. Two of their four station-wagons, worn out by miles of travel, had to be renewed this year, and this expense, as well as the upkeep and service of these Centers, is provided by you through the Diocesan Development Fund.

Three Centers for the training of our young priests who are working in seven different areas of small rural parishes or in special work of the Missionary Apostolate, are provided by you from this Diocesan Development Fund. Anyone who knows the zeal of our priests, knows of the value of this Apostolate training.

Missions during the summer for non-Catholics are provided for thousands, through the use of our two Motor Chapels. The expense of this work is also taken care of by the Diocesan Development Fund. This year included the purchase of a new truck tow-car for the older Trailer chapel, showing wear after over ten years' use.

This year we intend to provide, also, a Diocesan Mission Band which will take care of this mission work during the summer, and in winter, in small, needy parishes, and this expense will also be provided by the Diocesan Development Fund.

Three outright donations were granted from this Fund this year to small, needy parishes, and one, in the amount of more than five thousand dollars to purchase a site for a new church in Hillsboro.

The report which accompanies this letter and which is published in the *North Carolina Catholic*, shows to what extent we have been able to help ourselves by the Diocesan Development Fund during the past year.

In this D.D.F. Campaign, we have assigned to each parish a minimum quota which is easily within reach and a good challenge.

We shall publish the amount of cash received immediately after the Collection, and at the end of the year, the additional amount of cash which has been received from the pledges and bonds.

The standing of the parishes will be judged by the percentage by which each has exceeded its minimum quota. We shall recognize the leading parish by a Plaque, which will be held by that leading parish during the year, and the next four parishes having the highest percentage will receive a certificate of citation.

We believe that all our parishes should be vitally interested in this Diocesan Development Fund, and that our pastors will encourage our good people to exceed their minimum quota by as much as possible. We believe that even the smaller parishes have an equitable opportunity to come out first in the diocese by this system of rating.

Hoping that each of you will read the Special D.D.F. Edition of the *North Carolina Catholic* and see what good work you are doing, and that you will be prepared to contribute generously to the D. D. F. Collection which will be taken up by envelope on Sunday, February 10, I remain

Sincerely and gratefully in Christ,

*Vincent S. Waters*  
Bishop of Raleigh

### 1957 Quota Is \$35,000; Each Parish Has Goal

RALEIGH — Through the Diocesan Development Fund Bishop Waters took advantage of the occasion to remind the faithful that they are members of their parish and their diocese.

A bishop is the chief shepherd, the pastor of the flock. All the Catholics of North Carolina belong to one family; they are brothers and sisters with one spiritual father under God.

"People help and admire those who help themselves," the Bishop said in his letter to the faithful, and in this fourth combined effort there is a means for the scattered families of North Carolina to help other members of Christ's Body here in North Carolina.

And the needs are many. Some parishes are well-off: some are in dire need. Some parishes are so poor that without DDF they could not provide sisters to teach their children weekly or even worse, could not support a resident pastor.

These things which a well-established parish takes for granted are only goals for the missions. And all are members of the same Body.

The detailed services of the development fund are to be seen throughout this edition: its support of the summer motor missions, of the catechetical centers which serve one quarter of the diocese's parishes, of the seminarians' orientation, of the first year's training of priests, of needy parishes.

During 1956 land was bought for a future parish, an investment that will be a boon to a parish yet-to-be.

And Bishop Waters announces a new service, a diocesan mission band, priests who will conduct the motor missions during the summer and be available for parish missions through the winter months.

### Here's How D. D. F. Dollars Are Spent

RALEIGH — A total of \$35,545.62 was spent in 1956 for the service of the Diocese of Raleigh through the diocesan development fund.

Almost two-thirds of the money was used for two items: subsidies to the missionary apostolate centers at North Wilkesboro and Newton Grove; subsidies to the catechetical centers in Charlotte and Henderson. It was a total of \$21,942.88.

Next largest expenditure was for the purchase of property for a future church in Hillsboro, \$5,361.75.

Two new station wagons were purchased for the catechetical centers at \$3,875.

A panel truck was brought to tow the trailer chapel, \$2,053.85. Expenses for the convert campaign on a diocesan scale came to \$1,612.14.

Donations to needy parishes were \$400. and \$300.



Sister shows a youngster her Crucifix while members of a family in western North Carolina chat with another Mission Helper of the Sacred Heart.

### DDF Dollars Help Carry Truth To The Crossroads And Beyond

High on a mountain, miles from any Catholic Church, a five-year-old blesses himself at the dinner table.

"Name of the Father, Son, Holy Ghost."

He is saying the prayers taught him by his parents AND the Missionary Helpers of the Sacred Heart.

At night, in a small rectory living room, a businessman studies how to teach his youngsters, how to raise them in the Catholic faith. There is no Catholic school for scores of miles.

He's attending a class conducted by the Missionary Helpers of the Sacred Heart.

In a small rural chapel, a youngster receives for the first time Holy Communion.

His prayers of thanksgiving are more silent than most. For he can't speak. He can't hear. Call him a deaf-mute. But he really isn't mute. Deaf, yes. But his heart prayers with great eloquence, albeit the words may be simple. The light in his eyes indicate the richness of his silent prayers rising toward God's altar in Heaven.

He has received Holy Communion.

He learned his lessons in Catholicity well.

He was taught by the Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart.

In the flatlands of the Piedmont sits a house that doubles as church and rectory.

In one room, a chapel.

The rest of the house — living quarters for the priest, and some rooms for guests.

There is no church. There will be someday. There is no school. There will be. Some day.

Now, in the rectory, Father conducts a class in religion for the older children.

In another room, youngsters are being taught by a layman.

He was taught to be a teacher of religion, taught by the Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart.

In another house, at the other end of the county, a woman is conducting a similar class.

She, too, was taught by the Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart.

These sisters, these Mission Helpers practically cover the state. They find the nooks and crannies of Tarheelia, taking with them the Truth.

Their number should be legion.

But no. It's eight.

They operate from Charlotte, from Henderson.

They travel to take Catholicity through North Carolina.

"Go therefore, to the crossroads and invite whomever you shall find." (Matthew 22:9)

They go, these Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart, to the crossroads and beyond.

And you go with them when you give to the Diocesan Development Fund for their support comes from this organization.