

Catholic Charities Case 3 Not Just Another Case Number

Only the constant clasping and unclasping of Michael's hands and the startled expression in his dark blue eyes, betrayed the strain he was under, when his guardian brought him to the Catholic Charities Office. The story was sad but not new, his loved mother had died in childbirth, four years before, after years of ill health and his lonely father had given up the fight to go on alone, and succumbed in an attack of pneumonia last year.

There were two little sisters, for whom an Aunt had made a place in her home but no one wanted twelve-year-old Michael and so to say, he knew it. First, he had stayed in the home with the housekeeper, then an uncle took him into his home and finally a foster home placement was given a trial. Michael, however, grew more and more belligerent. He wasn't wanted. Why did he care? He played truant from school, he ran away from home and stayed over night and he was insolent to relatives and teachers. Mr. M., his guardian was a wise, far-sighted man, the father of several children himself and he understood that all of Michael's behavior patterns were just attempts to gain attention and a place for himself in the family.

That was a year ago and today

Michael is an honor student in a small boarding school. His instructors are delighted with the change in him. All the old bitterness and rebellion are gone and the clear bright eyes have lost their expression of fear and suspicion. Holiday vacations have been spent with relatives, who have been helped to understand Michael and welcome him into their homes and their hearts.

Michael has enough money to pay for his education under the careful planning of the Catholic Charities worker on tuition rates, clothing, etc. He knows this and it has helped him to know as he says: "I am wanted by some one now. I'll prove I can make good. I am not just another case to Catholic Charities. That worker is my friend and she has done more for me than anyone else ever has."

Service costs for such cases (so termed for want of a better name) makes it necessary for Catholic Charities to request a budget of \$11,300 from the Community Chest-War Relief Campaign which opens on May 11. These boys, girls, and women come from every parish in Elmira and Chemung County and in their interest every member of the clergy and laity should participate as workers and contributors in this campaign.



86 SERVICE STARS are included on the honor roll shown above at the Blessed Virgin's altar in St. Anthony's Church, Elmira. One gold star is included. Relatives of the service men visit the shrine often to pray for the boys in the army, navy and marine corps.

St. Anthony's Service Roll Lists 13 Sets of Brothers

Thirteen sets of brothers are represented among the 86 names of boys from St. Anthony's Parish, Elmira, who are in the armed forces of the United States.

Appropriately decorated with American flags, the scroll on which the honor roll is inscribed has been placed at the Blessed Mother's altar in St. Anthony's Church and is attracting wide attention. Relatives and friends come to offer their prayers for the boys of whom seven are in the Navy, six in the Marines and 73 in the Army. The Rev. Bernard C. Hanna, pastor, arranged for the erection of the striking service roll.

A gold star for one of the parish boys who has already fallen in action appears on the honor roll. It marks the heroic death of Lt. Harold Skog who was killed in an airplane crash in Panama.

The four sets of three brothers who are represented on the service honor rolls are: Albert Bacille, Domenick Bacille and Paul Bacille; Joseph Cardone, Anthony Cardone and William Cardone, sons of Peter Cardone and Anthony Morrell; John Morrell and Paul Morrell; and August Spaziani, James Spaziani and John Spaziani.

The nine sets of two brothers each are: Paul Battisti and Peter Battisti; Anthony Cardone and Angelo Cardone, sons of Aurelio Cardone; Anthony and Charles Cieri; Nicholas and Daniel Fierro; Martin and Anthony Losito; John and George Voffe; Anthony and Nicholas Paganelli; John and Theodore Pinelli; and James and Albert Pannetta.

Hears Official Praise Gen. M'Arthur's Oratory

MELBOURNE, Australia. At a session here of the Catholic Luncheon Club, Arthur Calwell, Melbourne representative in the Commonwealth Parliament, praised the oratory of General MacArthur in his brief Canberra speech, which, he said, attained an eloquence unknown in Australia for a generation, and irresistibly recalled the heroic speeches of the founders of the American nation.

St. Anthony's, Elmira Mother's Day Communion

An attendance of 300 is expected at the Mother's Day Communion and Breakfast to be conducted Sunday by the members of the Holy Name Society and Young Ladies Sodality of St. Anthony's Church.

Members and wives and mothers of the Holy Name Society and mothers of the sodalists will attend a Solemn High Mass at 8 a. m. for the intention of the mothers and receive Holy Communion in a body.

The Rev. James M. Powers, diocesan director of Catholic Charities of Erie, Pa. diocese will be the principal speaker at the breakfast.

Men's Party Set

A special party under the direction of the Sacred Heart men will be held in St. Anthony's parish hall on Wednesday evening, May 13. Chairman Rosario Cieri is being assisted by Peter Palange, Anthony Pinelli, Luigi Caparicchio, Nick Tanti, Frank Paganelli, Nick De Stefano, Domenick Pannetta, Mariano Bellizio, Oreste Ballesi and Anthony G. Rossi.

American Troops Are Reconciled To Church

BELFAST. Many American troops have become reconciled to the Catholic Church since their arrival in northern Ireland, says a writer in the Belfast Irish News. "One Ulster Bishop recently administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to 35 adults, most of them American soldiers who, returning to the land of their ancestors, returned also to the Faith of their fathers when they found themselves in the winning spiritual atmosphere of Irish Catholicism," the article says.

WHAT IS THE Catholic Charities?

The Catholic Charities of Elmira is a county-wide organization which has as its purpose the preservation of family life in accordance with Catholic ideals and the care and protection of Catholic children, that they may be good citizens of this great country, of ours and faithful followers of their Creator. How do we accomplish this purpose?

Through our Family and Child Welfare Department, Catholic Charities provides casework service to men, women and children, i. e., advises them as to sources of help, enlists the resources of the community in their behalf, attempts to strengthen family relationships, works in close relationship with pastors on religious problems, counsels and advises on economic difficulties and provides temporary financial assistance when necessary.

Through the Ladies of Charity, Catholic Charities with the cooperation of the two hundred ninety members of that organization, locates prospective Foster Homes for our own refugee children, visits the sick and the aged, gives individual attention to adolescents, provides investigated approved rooms for newcomers, supplies layettes and clothing for special occasions, enrolls newly born infants in Bishop's flock and brings cheer and joy into the lives of patients in the children's wards in the local hospitals.

Through the Catholic Youth Organization, we supply a supervised program of recreation under Catholic auspices and sponsor Camp Villa Maria, the first Catholic Camp in Chemung County. Who are eligible for these services offered by Catholic Charities?

Catholic families in Chemung County, regardless of their economic status, who need counseling and guidance in solving their social and spiritual problems.

Catholic Charities is not parochial in that it knows no boundaries, it is parochial in that it embraces the families in every parish in Elmira.

How do these Families and Children come to our attention?

Many apply direct to our office in the Federation Building. Others are referred by priests, physicians, hospitals, courts, schools, neighbors, relatives or by some other welfare agency in the community. How is Catholic Charities supported?

Agency is wholly dependent upon the Community Chest for their financial support.

A share in the Community Chest-War Relief Campaign from May 11th-20th will be the responsibility of every Catholic who is Community-minded. In times such as these we must share!

Corning K.C. Aim For New Members

CORNING. The parish chairman for Corning Council, Knights of Columbus membership drive were recently appointed by Grand Knight Robert Hallahan. These representatives include Paul Tammaro, St. Patrick's Parish; Paul Lovette, St. Vincent's; and Richard McEligott Sr., St. Mary's.

Preliminary plans for the membership enrollment, which will take place very shortly, were discussed by members of the Council at the last meeting held at the K of C Home.

Betty Hilt Heads School Honor Unit

CORNING. Miss Betty Rose Hilt, a member of St. Mary's Parish, Corning, was elected president of the Corning Free Academy chapter of the National Honor Society at the annual election meeting conducted last Thursday afternoon by Margaret Potter, retiring president. Miss Hilt is a very popular member of the Academy's Junior Class.

The new secretary of the Chapter is Ann Marie Fein, also a Junior. The vice-president and treasurer will be named following the induction of Senior members in October.

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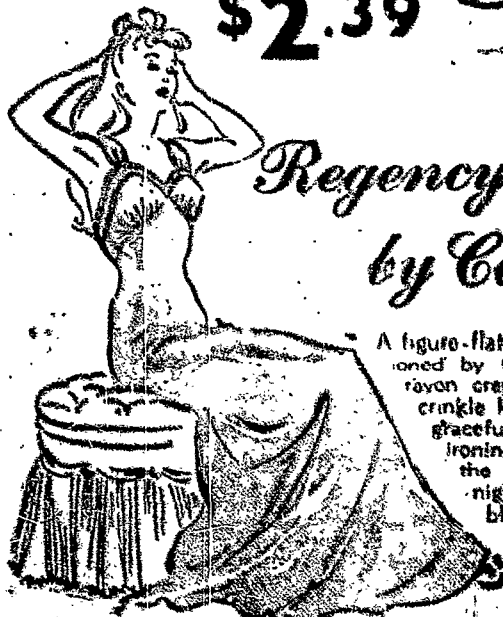


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