

Charities Child-Care Work Stressed At Villa Rite

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organization. The institutions of our diocese told the story of Archbishop Hickey's concern for and care of the unfortunate.

Catholic Charities will exist as long as the Church exists, because the work is in Christ's charge, the Bishop of Syracuse said. The distinguishing mark of the Catholic Charities must always be to keep in mind that man is composed of body and soul.

The day's celebration opened yesterday morning. His Excellency, Bishop Kearney, told the dinner audience, with his celebrating Mass for the staff workers in Columbus Civic Centre. The "bright point" of the day, he said, was the blessing of the home for dependent children in the afternoon.

Bishop Kearney said he was "conferring a summa cum laude degree" on Mrs. Mary Foery, mother of Bishop Foery, who was present for making a great contribution to Rochester Catholic Charities "when she gave us Father Foery as Director."

Secretary Hailed

In the name of the Board, Bishop Kearney announced presentation of a \$100 War Bond to William T. Nolan, executive secretary of Rochester Catholic Charities during its 25 years, expressing the Board's admiration for its "faithful servant" and noting the place he has occupied in the public life of the city for a quarter of a century.

Citing the Church's strict requirements for anything that comes close to Christ, the Bishop said that the spirit of Christian charity does not lose but gains when workers are properly trained by finest technical study.

"The Catholic Charities has established itself with the poor, the needy, the dependent," the Bishop of Rochester declared, "because by the decent attitude of the workers through the past quarter of a century they have shown in their work the spirit of Christ."

Honored places at the dinner were accorded to the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William M. Hart, V.G.; Rt. Rev. Msgr. William F. Bergan, Chancellor of the Diocese; the Rt. Rev. John O'Grady, Washington, D. C. secretary National Catholic Charities; the Rev. Eugene A. Loftus, director, Buffalo Catholic Charities; the Rev. Gerald C. Lambert, director, Rochester Catholic Charities; State Public Welfare Representative Aiden Bevier, County Public Welfare Commissioner Jesse Hannan, City Public Welfare Commissioner Emmett Gahlin.

Dedication Impressive

With His Excellency, Bishop Kearney, officiating, the solemn blessing of St. Joseph's Villa, the new English-type cottage home for dependent children on Dewey Ave.,

beyond Stone Road, at 4 P. M. Wednesday, strikingly marked this phase of progress by the Rochester Catholic Charities in their quarter of a century of existence.

"To take these children from the busy marts of trade to what could be called 'God's Open Country' is indeed a privilege," His Excellency, speaking from the new administration building porch, told a group of prelates, priests, Sisters and lay persons gathered for the ceremony.

The new Villa was seen by the house for 500 boys and girls now housed in the St. Mary's and St. Patrick's Homes and of those formerly in St. Joseph's Orphan Asylum.

Consisting of a well-appointed administration building and five modernly equipped homes, together with a converted barn for recreational facilities and situated upon undulating grounds beautifully landscaped, the Villa marks the transition from the early type of dependent child home.

"The beauty and equipment have gone beyond our fondest hopes," the Bishop said. His Excellency pointed out that "one of our most serious responsibilities, is the responsibility Our Lord has placed in our care, that of proper care of the dependent child."

The Bishop reminded that in dealing with any child it must be remembered that that child has a Guardian Angel in Heaven watching over that child's destiny. Scandalizing of that child would bring the wrath of God upon such an one or one who would neglect it.

Tribute to Builders

Speaking of the entire plant and its appointments, the Bishop said: "This is a product of mind and heart." He took the occasion to express appreciation to Father Lambert, and all who worked with him, architects and builders, and to the Sisters whose experience and vision combined to build a place in which children now and in the future will be made "happier, happier and healthier."

The Bishop was assisted by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William M. Hart, V.G., the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William F. Bergan, Chancellor of the diocese, and the Rev. Lawrence B. Casey, vice-chancellor, at individual blessing ceremonies in each cottage.

In the ecclesiastical procession from the administration building around the grounds were the Rt. Rev. Msgr. George V. Burns, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Charles F. Shay and priests of the diocese. The Rev. Gerald C. Lambert, diocesan director, Rochester Catholic Charities, led the way through the grounds.

Individually Named

The cottages blessed and the organizations which will cooperate in work in them under the direction

of the Sisters of St. Joseph are: St. Mary's (see boys); St. Mary's Junior League; St. Patrick's (girls); Dauntless Club; St. James (girls); Loretto Circle; St. Bernard's (boys); Ladies' Auxiliary of St. Joseph's Orphan Asylum; and St. Agnes (boys); St. Agnes Guild.

Each cottage is modernly equipped throughout with home-like living rooms, attractive dining rooms, with tables seating four

each, comfortable sleeping rooms and a spacious porch. The output of grounds will furnish ample opportunity for breakfast, outdoor recreation.

Religious services for the children will take place at the new St. Charles-Bertram Church of which the Rev. Robert A. Keenan is pastor.

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SCHOOL GRADUATES 81

Simple but very impressive commencement exercises took place at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

The program began with a hymn to Our Blessed Mother in whose honor the girls wore their blue and white uniforms. Father Eckl then awarded diplomas to 81 students, one of the largest classes in the history of the school. After congratulating the graduates, their parents and teachers, the Rev. George Weinmann delivered the address.

Before a large audience, Father Weinmann spoke on the advantages of a solidly religious education. He reminded the parents that an eight-year program, founded on Christian principles and under the guidance of the Holy Ghost, could only result in the formation of characters who would bring credit on the school and on the country as well. Having laid a truly Christian foundation, these students could be expected to carry on their further education along the same noble lines. Father Weinmann expressed the hope that this secondary education could be continued in a Catholic High School if that were at all possible. For those who would not be able to realize this ideal, he spoke of the value of the public high school classes, wherein the student is able to receive, at least in a limited measure, some further instruction on religious truths. The speaker hoped none of the pupils would pass up this opportunity so vital at the present time.

In closing, Father Weinmann hoped that out of such a large class would be found at least a few who would aspire to a religious vocation, either in the Priesthood or the Sisterhood, to carry on God's work in training other souls for heaven. He reminded the children that the need for such religious vocations is very great at this time.

The 1942 "Honors" were awarded as follows: Scholarship, Angelina Valenti, 97%; close second scholarship, Rosemary Leverenz, 96%; general excellence, Elizabeth Thomas and Neil Sager; attendance, Joan Flanagan; Christian Doctrine award, Gold Medal, drawn by Robert Kalmer.

After an exciting season of baseball, parishioners are extending congratulations to the boys of St. Andrew's who won the championship for Grammar Softball last Friday afternoon. The able coaching of Joe Cesarone, the support of Father Kleutjes and Father Wuest, plus the fine clean playing of the team, did the trick. The names of the players follow:

Frank Serafine, Bob Berg, Ray Wals, Francis Haulauer, Joseph Gefeil, Anthony Luciano, Dan Devitt, Carmen Leone, Gerald Van-Kyne, Joseph Gerew, Paul Comfort, Bernard Claus, Sam Guglietta and Don Williams.

On Thursday, July 2, two well-known young women of the parish, Miss Lucille E. Heinlein and Miss Rose M. Williams, will receive the habit of the Sisters of Mercy. Our felicitations to them and to their parents on this happy occasion.

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