



MOST REVEREND JAMES E. KEARNEY  
Bishop of Rochester

## 'Thanks . . . In The Name Of Christ'

My Dear People:

The occasion of the publication of the efforts of the Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Rochester offers me the opportunity to thank my fellow Catholics in the name of Christ for their support of manifold works of mercy.



Through this generous support more Catholic homes are preserved, homeless children know the warmth and understanding of Christian parents, the old will not suffer isolation of age.

I would like to extend to my co-workers in various charities of the diocese my sincere appreciation for the contribution of their unselfish service to the betterment of the Catholic community.

At this time I wish to congratulate the citizens of Rochester for their splendid record of support for the Community Chest. Its success has in no small measure aided the institutions and agencies of Catholic Charities.

Your devoted Shepherd in Christ,

*+ James E. Kearney*

Bishop of Rochester.

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## 'The Work Of Charity'

Most Rev. James E. Kearney, D.D.  
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Dear Bishop:

The annual report of the Catholic Agencies and Institutions of Rochester and Monroe County which participate in the Rochester Community Chest is one in which you can take just pride. In this report I would call your attention not so much to the numbers served by our various organizations but rather to the quality of work done by thoroughly qualified staffs in all fields of social endeavor—recreation, health, and family life.

St. Mary's Hospital in the field of health; St. Ann's Home for the care of the aged; St. Elizabeth's Guild House for working girls and St. Joseph's Villa for dependent children are institutions which we can hold up as models in their respective fields.

The Columbus Youth Association, the Charles Settlement and the Genesee Settlement have made splendid progress in programs for youth, especially in the development of an extended summer day camp program. A closer cooperation in the field of Scouting has shown results in the creation of new scout troops under Catholic auspices.

The Catholic Family Center of the Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Rochester, I believe, completed one of the finest service reports in the history of its thirty-three years of service to Catholic people of Rochester. I say this because it now has the benefit of the best trained staff in all its history. The State Department of Welfare, you will recall, pointed out this fact in a letter to Your

Excellency on the condition of this Agency at the beginning of the year.

The case-work service rendered by the Catholic Family Center to all the Chest-supported Catholic Agencies and Institutions of Monroe County, is one that has contributed greatly to the splendid records of these agencies and institutions. The intake services to St. Ann's Home and St. Joseph's Villa have enabled these institutions to serve respectively the more needy aged and youth.

The coordination of all these agencies and institutions under the direction of the Central Office of the Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Rochester in a united effort to serve the poor, the aged, the homeless, the insecure family, the dependent child and the youth of your flock in Rochester and Monroe County has been a tremendous force for the exercise of that Christ-like Charity incumbent on you as the Common Shepherd of Souls in the Diocese of Rochester.

May I take this occasion to commend the priests, the Sisters, the laymen, and laywomen who have served so splendidly in one capacity or another in the conduct of your Charities throughout the Diocese. Without their loyal and unselfish labors such a report as this would be impossible.

Permit me, in conclusion, to thank you for your personal interest in support of our activities, as well as being a constant inspiration to all of us engaged in the work of Charity in your Diocese. May God continue to bless you with health and the ability to carry on in the name of sweet Charity for many years to come.

Respectfully submitted,

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