

# Chest, Red Cross Challenge Our Charity



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THE MOST REVEREND JAMES E. KEARNEY  
BISHOP OF ROCHESTER



My Dear Friends:

The annual appeal on behalf of the Community Chest and American Red Cross will open shortly and it is most appropriate that our agencies which your generosity supports should present this picture of their activities. It will serve to show you how your donation has to be spread even on this limited group of agencies supported by the Community Chest.

Any one of these works of Christian Charity would win your generous help if it came to you asking assistance. You can realize then the importance of keeping in mind the extent of this program of relief in giving your donation to the Chest.

The combining of the Chest with the Red Cross appeal creates a situation which will challenge our generosity. The effort to combine these great humanitarian works in one appeal has been made out of consideration for you. It eliminates the complex situation of two appeals. It does however force our campaign goal to an unprecedented height and hence an unusual demand on your generosity.

Our pledge to Red Cross must be met, and our agencies must get the necessary help to carry on their work. Let us, at the same time, realize that success of our Campaign is an acknowledgment of the magnificent services of those who do the daily toil of our many agencies, toil which often represents a spirit of devotion to duty and consecration to ideals of service which can never be paid for in dollars and cents.

May God bless the efforts of all of us to make the 1954 Campaign an outstanding success.

Your devoted Shepherd in Christ

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Dear Bishop Kearney:

In the past years this Catholic Charities Review has presented the statistical and professional point of view concerning the work of your social agencies and institutions. This year, it was decided that it would be better to have the people served by these agencies and institutions make their own report to you on the work of these agencies and institutions.

Undoubtedly you will be gratified to hear directly from some of the users of these various services provided by Catholic Charities and to know some of the results of the efforts of your co-workers in the vineyard of the Lord.

All of us are happy to present this picture to you and to have been associated with you in the glorious work of finding Christ in our fellow men.

Sincerely yours,

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