

Catholic Charities Agencies List Services To Rochester Community

Organizations Assist Needy, Sick, Aged, Children, Underprivileged

The eight Catholic agencies participating in the Rochester Community Chest continued to give wide and varied services to the community according to the annual report which covers the period from April 1, 1953 to March 31, 1954.

Here is the statistical report:

Catholic Family Center—Gave

2,143 families counseling or assistance of which 1,812 received such continuing services as placement of children, counseling in marriage problems, parent-child relationships, personal problems involving pregnancy, out-of-wedlock, alcoholism; problems of adolescence. 641 children were given supervised care away from their own homes; 55 new adoptions placements were made; 58 adoptions were completed.

St. Ann's Home For the Aged—Gave 71,034 days' care to 243 different aged men and women.

St. Elizabeth Guild House—Gave 15,359 days' care to 149 different girls; served 24,619 meals.

St. Joseph's Villa of Rochester—Gave 39,923 days' care to 106 homeless, neglected and dependent children.

Charles Settlement House—Provided educational, recreational and social opportunities to 830 individuals in the neighborhood with a total attendance of 25,285.

Columbus Youth Association Rochester and East Rochester—Offered cultural, ethnic,

national, social, religious, health and recreational services with its affiliated branch in East Rochester to 8,200 men, women, boys and girls. Total attendance in all activities was 100,000.

Genesee Settlement House—Offered group work, recreation and educational services to men, women and children on an individual and family basis. Attendance at all activities was 106,717.

St. Mary's Hospital—Gave 101,718 days' care to 13,875 patients; 13,191 days' care to 2,891 babies; 15,364 ward days' care; 1,876 patients made 14,369 visits to Out-Patient clinic; 9,249 visits to Emergency Department.

RECIPE FOR CHARITY

There are nine ingredients to charity: "Charity is patient, is kind; charity envieth not, doeth not perversely; is not puffed up; is not ambitious, seeketh not her own, is not provoked to anger, thinketh no evil; rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth with the truth." (I Corinthians 13: 4-8).

Catholic Family Center Services To Families

April 1, 1953 — March 31, 1954

Total number of families served during year	2317
Total applications for service considered in year	1378
Total number of children in foster placement during year	591
Total number of days care provided for children	139,702
Number of families using service for first time	1145

Catholic Charities Of The Diocese Of Rochester Financial Report

April 1, 1953 to March 31, 1954

	Expenditures 1953-1954	Receipts other than Community Chest	Receipts Rochester Community Chest
Catholic Family Center	\$351,535.48	\$203,737.84	\$149,552.00
St. Ann's Home for the Aged	237,467.40	204,699.26	33,000.00
St. Elizabeth Guild House	23,352.08	23,833.48	5,200.00
St. Joseph's Villa of Rochester	132,300.02	95,697.23	36,754.00
Charles Settlement House	22,824.46	2,828.07	20,682.00
Columbus Youth Association (Rochester)	96,679.02	50,922.31	39,715.60
Columbus Youth Association (E. Roch.)	14,556.95	1,260.38	15,887.40
Genesee Settlement House	35,465.65	5,710.99	30,155.00
TOTAL	\$913,181.06	\$588,682.56	\$330,946.00

He Has Arrived

How It Feels To Adopt A Baby

"He has arrived!" With these words uttered by our social worker, a new chapter in our married life began — one which was about to bring the culmination of all the joys of the married state — the advent of a child.

After being married for five years and with the medical knowledge that no natural children would be likely to arrive, we decided to adopt a baby. Like the typical, nervous prospective parents who try to obtain the services of the best obstetrician, we inquired about the various agencies in Rochester, and decided upon the Catholic Family Center. And so, the process of adopting a baby began, and in due time reached its fulfillment when we were presented with the most wonderful and lovable baby boy in the world. We're not prejudiced — much!

New Orleans
Where previously our lives revolved completely around each other, they immediately started on a new orbit which included as the center of our existence this tiny but most

important individual. Adopting a baby is just like having one of your own. As parents, you have the same responsibilities and joys as one would feel with a natural child. With natural children, there is preparation through physical suffering. In adopting a child, there is preparation through mental anxiety and anticipation.

You ask yourselves: "Will we be good parents?" "Will our home and our respective personalities fit the child, and be the type of environment that will best nurture him to become a good citizen, a good Catholic, and a well-balanced individual?" "Will we be prepared for the all-important trust of parenthood without the mental and physical preparations that are forced on natural parents?"

Such questions are good in themselves, in that they make the prospective adoptive parents realize the magnitude of assuming the responsibility of guiding a tiny human soul into adulthood.

At the time we made our application, we were a typical

childless couple; our only knowledge of little people was through casual conversations with friends who were parents and through the observations of, and contacts with, our nieces and nephews. We knew nothing of diapers, formulas, bottle warmers, etc., which have since become an integral part of our daily lives. We have also arrived; we have become authorities on these subjects, as does every parent, in less time than we ever would have thought possible.

Family Center
One has the assurance when adopting a child through the Catholic Family Center that great care has been taken in the selection of both child and parents, and that the investigative, legal, and spiritual details have been worked out to the full satisfaction of all concerned.

No thrill can ever be experienced that could match that of the announcement that a child has been selected for a prospective couple, and then to hold the little one in your arms and realize that now, here at last is the complete family unit.

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