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Your Excellency:
 Thirty-five women in the neighborhood of the Genesee Settlement House would like to let you know how one of the Catholic agencies you sponsor and are interested in helps them to have a better and happier home life.

In the Genesee Settlement House we have a unit of the local Home Bureau. As you know, the Home Bureau is sponsored by the Extension Department of Cornell University. The members of our group are instructed in the projects the whole group would like to make and then the ones who have received the instructions return to the House and teach the others.

By teaching these lessons first to our own friends and neighbors we gain confidence in ourselves and sometimes we go out into other Units and help them.

Our projects consist of things dear to Homemakers (you know that is what we are being called now, "not housewives"). We learn to make things that beautify our homes and make our husbands and children proud to bring their friends into them. Some of our projects have been sewing screens, identifying on textiles, huck towels, weaving, making ties for our husbands and young sons, braided rugs and many, many more.

During the year we run at least two parties for the good of the family—at Christmas we have a dinner for our husbands and ourselves—during the summer months we include the youngsters in our activity by having a super-duper picnic with all sorts of good things to eat and plenty of prizes for the games.

In 1951 we became interested in the Annual Drive of the Rochester Community Chest. Many of our husbands assist us in this endeavor and we are proud to report to you that Team No. 25 of the Individual Subscribers Division is one of YOUR teams helping out every year.

Our husbands think Home Bureau has been a big help to us and our children are proud to say, "Mommy belongs!" All in all, we think the whole family benefits by this agency and we wanted you to know.

Very Sincerely yours,
 Mrs. John Ferraro—for the entire unit of the Genesee Settlement House Home Bureau.

Rev. Eugene H. McFarland
 50 Chestnut Street
 Rochester, New York

Dear Father McFarland:
 The Columbus Youth Association Family Membership changed our lives in an unbelievable way. Our five children, husband and I enjoy the family swim on Sundays and we are amazed at our children's progress in the water.

Dad and I often spent Sundays at home while the children attended the movies or went their "merry way". Now we have a common interest which keeps the family together and I must say it's a happier form of amusement.

Next year I am looking forward to Mother's Day at the Columbus Youth Association, and being able to let our three-year old enjoy story telling and games while I am having a swim.

Yours truly,
 Mrs. Paul Mosher



PUERTO RICAN FAMILY — Mr. and Mrs. Louis Laboy and their five children are among the many Spanish American families newly arrived in Rochester from Puerto Rico. Aiding these families in their new surroundings are the facilities of the Catholic Family Center and Columbus Youth Association.

Puerto Ricans Helped

Dear Readers:

We, a Puerto Rican family, feel very happy to have the opportunity to tell you about our experience with the Rochester Catholic Family Center. It is a very good thing for this City of Rochester to have an agency like this where not only North Americans but also we Puerto Ricans receive so many services. The staff of Catholic Family Center has a Puerto Rican worker, Miss Feliciano, who tries always to help us.

I would like all of you to know that you can find understanding and good service in that agency, and you can go there whenever you may need it.

When we came to Rochester in November, 1951, my husband, my children and myself didn't know anything about the city or to whom to go for help. Through my children, Pedro

and Carmela, we knew a nurse from Hanover Project and she introduced us to the Catholic Family Center. Since then we have received economic assistance when my husband has been ill and we have known other agencies and other resources where we can go and receive the help we need.

Just now, Carmela, who is 12 years old, is going to join a club to learn how to swim and she talks with the workers about any problem she may have. Now, we feel better and at ease because we can talk over our problems with a person who speaks our own language and can help us solve them.

I would like all Puerto Ricans to know how the Rochester Catholic Family Center can help us and I ask them to live better lives each day.

A Puerto Rican Mother

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