

'Works Of Mercy'

My Dear Friends:

Once again I am privileged to appeal to you for your generous support of the Community Chest Campaign. The combining of the Chest Appeal with the annual Red Cross Appeal makes it imperative that we realize our responsibility to both. The Chest Agencies and the American Red Cross are serving all of us efficiently and consistently day-by-day all through the year. Once each year at this time they pause to ask us to express our confidence in their work, our gratitude for their services, and our support of their efforts.

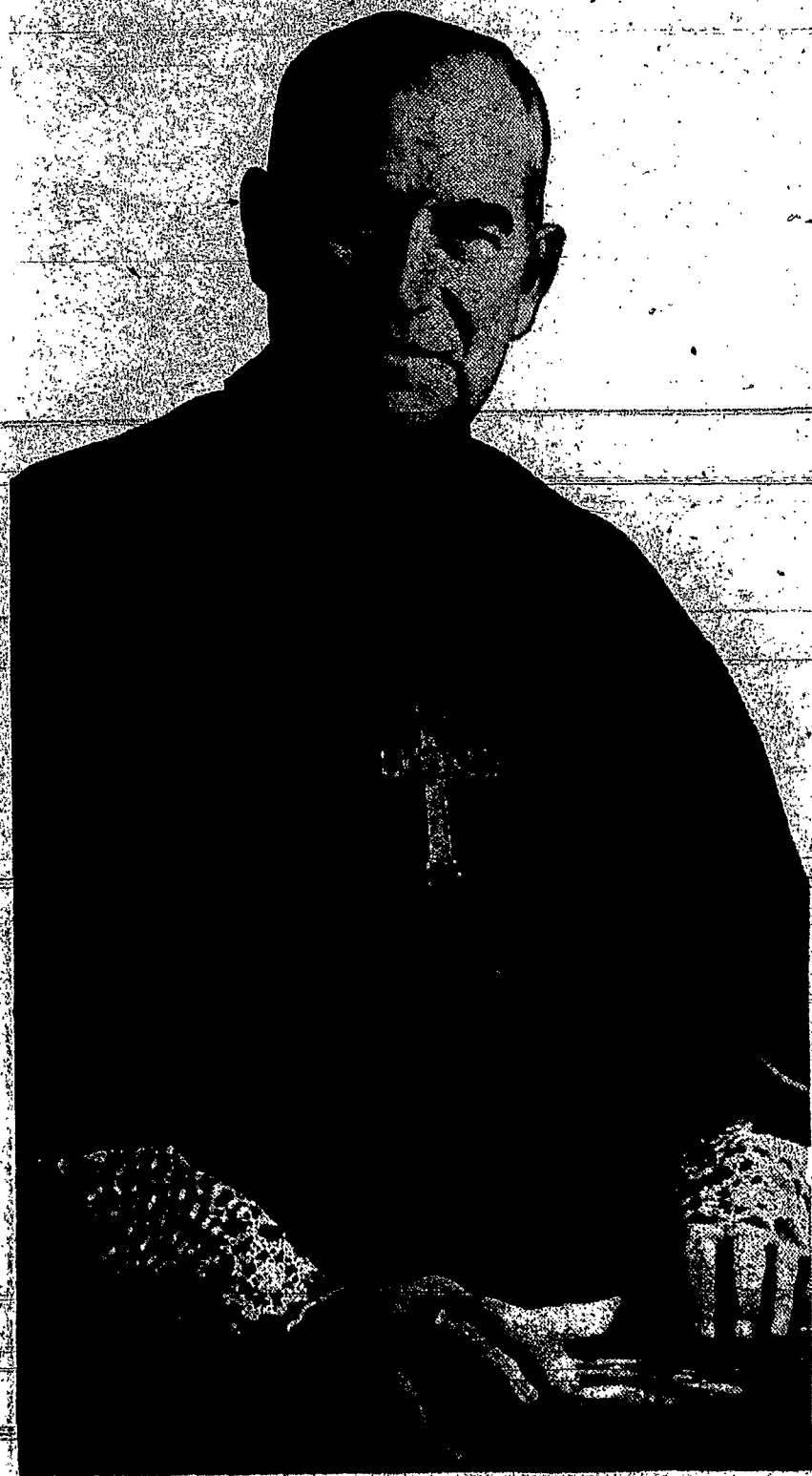
When we study the large program of services involved in this appeal, we can readily understand that none of us can, in conscience, be satisfied with a token donation. There are too many deserving agencies dependent upon our generosity for us to dismiss the appeal without mature consideration of our personal responsibility.

There are works of mercy and charity involved in this campaign which appeal to all of us and give us an opportunity to thank God in a most acceptable way for the blessings He has given us. When Christ spoke upon this theme of charity, He was very specific about two points: our obligation to help and His infinite gratitude for our self-sacrifice.

We do well to keep His words in mind during this Community Chest-Red Cross Appeal. These words give us heartening inspiration to make our donation worthy of His approval.

Your devoted Shepherd in Christ,

James E. Kearney
Bishop of Rochester



HIS EXCELLENCY
THE MOST REVEREND JAMES E. KEARNEY
BISHOP OF ROCHESTER



CATHOLIC CHARITIES
OF THE DIOCESE OF ROCHESTER
50 CHESTNUT STREET

Most Reverend James E. Kearney, D. D.
50 Chestnut Street
Rochester 4, New York
Your Excellency:

In these pages there is presented to you and our fellow Catholics the annual report of the Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Rochester. The work of the agencies and institutions affiliated with Catholic Charities affects the lives of so many of our fellow-Catholics that it demands because of its religious auspice the highest quality of dedicated service. I feel that your fellow-workers have been true to the trust that you and their fellow-Catholics have placed in them.

Hundreds of families, literally thousands of individuals from the infant placed in adoption to the aging, are a little more secure in their quest of Eternal Happiness because of the unstinting service of sisters, priests, laymen and laywomen.

I should like to use this opportunity, Your Excellency, to thank you for your personal interest and concern in the work of the Charities. The report contained in this supplement is also our way of saying thanks to the Community Chest which supplies the material means for the quality and volume of work done during the past year. The future of this important work depends on our response to this year's Community Chest appeal.

Sincerely yours,
ARTHUR E. RATIGAN
Diocesan Director of Charities



REV. ARTHUR E. RATIGAN