

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, 1954 to March 31, 1955.

Here is the statistical report:

Catholic Family Center—Gave 2,484 families and individuals counseling and assistance in problems involving placement of children, family relationships, child behavior, alcoholism, and unmarried mothers. In addition, supervised 64,240 days' care to 636 children away from their own homes, and placed 61 children for adoption.

St. Ann's Home For the Aged—Gave 72,411 days' care to 283 different aged men and women.

St. Elizabeth Guild House—Gave 14,500 days' care to 123 different girls; served 26,451 meals.

St. Joseph's Villa—Gave 40,294 days' care to 157 homeless, neglected and dependent children.

Charles Settlement House—

Group work provided cultural, educational, social and recreational services to 803 individuals, both adults and children, living in the neighborhood, with a total attendance of 26,214. This included a summer day camp enrollment of 188 children.

St. Mary's Hospital—Gave 107,015 days' care to 14,122 adult and child patients — this includes 13,322 ward days' care; 14,273 days' care to 3,184 newborn babies; 1,803 patients made 14,876 visits to Out-Patient clinics; 8,784 visits to Emergency Department.

	Expenditures 1954-1955	Receipts other than Rochester Community Chest	Receipts Community Chest
Catholic Family Center	\$354,615.39	\$195,053.26	\$159,603.62
St. Ann's Home for the Aged	267,660.83	231,254.28	36,410.00
St. Elizabeth Guild House	29,149.93	24,161.80	5,000.00
St. Joseph's Villa of Rochester	140,134.37	99,525.00	40,608.00
Charles Settlement House	25,591.76	3,975.88	21,933.00
Genesee Settlement House	107,080.87	62,323.18	42,128.00
Columbus Youth Association (E. Rochester)	18,101.88	3,191.00	15,740.00
Catholic Youth Organization (Rochester)	40,731.77	9,692.50	31,431.00
TOTAL	\$983,066.80	\$629,628.90	\$353,213.62

Family Center Gives Counselling

In times of worry and stress, it is natural that one human being turns to another for comfort, help and support. It is for this understanding that many Catholics in our community see a case-worker at Catholic Family Center.

The relationship which the case-worker builds with her client through their talking together, and the acceptance she feels from her is the means through which the client is enabled to find new ways of looking at his problem and of handling himself.

The young woman whose contact with women was limited to an abusive mother and a dominating female supervisor on the job from which she was fired could scarcely expect different treatment from the case-worker to whom she had gone for help. She would be naturally suspicious and fearful of anyone who offered kindness along with financial help and practical direction. The young woman could only use and accept sympathy and counsel as she developed respect from and confidence in a case-worker.

Mutual Understanding
The central core for the case-worker in giving of help is a love for his fellow human beings which consists of warmth, concern and understanding because we are all made to the image and likeness of God. Added to this is a knowledge of human behavior and an appreciation of the extent that reason and emotion play in human acts. With this kind of knowledge and through this kind of relationships, the case-worker attempts to help his client with the problem he brings to the agency.

Sometimes the activity of the case-worker may be focused primarily on the client's surroundings—the provision of temporary financial assistance during a brief illness, or it may be focused primarily on the person — the young man who is concerned about his feelings of inadequacy, of defeat, and who is immobilized in social and job relationships.

The case-worker may help a client understand his attitudes, and his customary way of meeting situations so that he is able to lay old patterns aside and to learn new ways of thinking and feeling.

Case-workers
At Catholic Family Center, counselling is provided by skilled professional case-workers. The academic training has been four years of college and two years at a University School of Social Work from which a Master's degree has been obtained. In addition, most of the workers have had several years of experience in the agency. Counselling services are provided for all family and individual adjustment problems to people from all educational and economic backgrounds.

Catholic Family Center

April 1, 1954 — March 31, 1955

Number of families given service	2415
Number of children given care away from home	533
Number of children in adoption homes during year	119
Number of adoptions legally completed	50
Total expended	\$354,615.39
Operating Receipts	\$195,053.26
Received from Community Chest	\$159,603.62



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