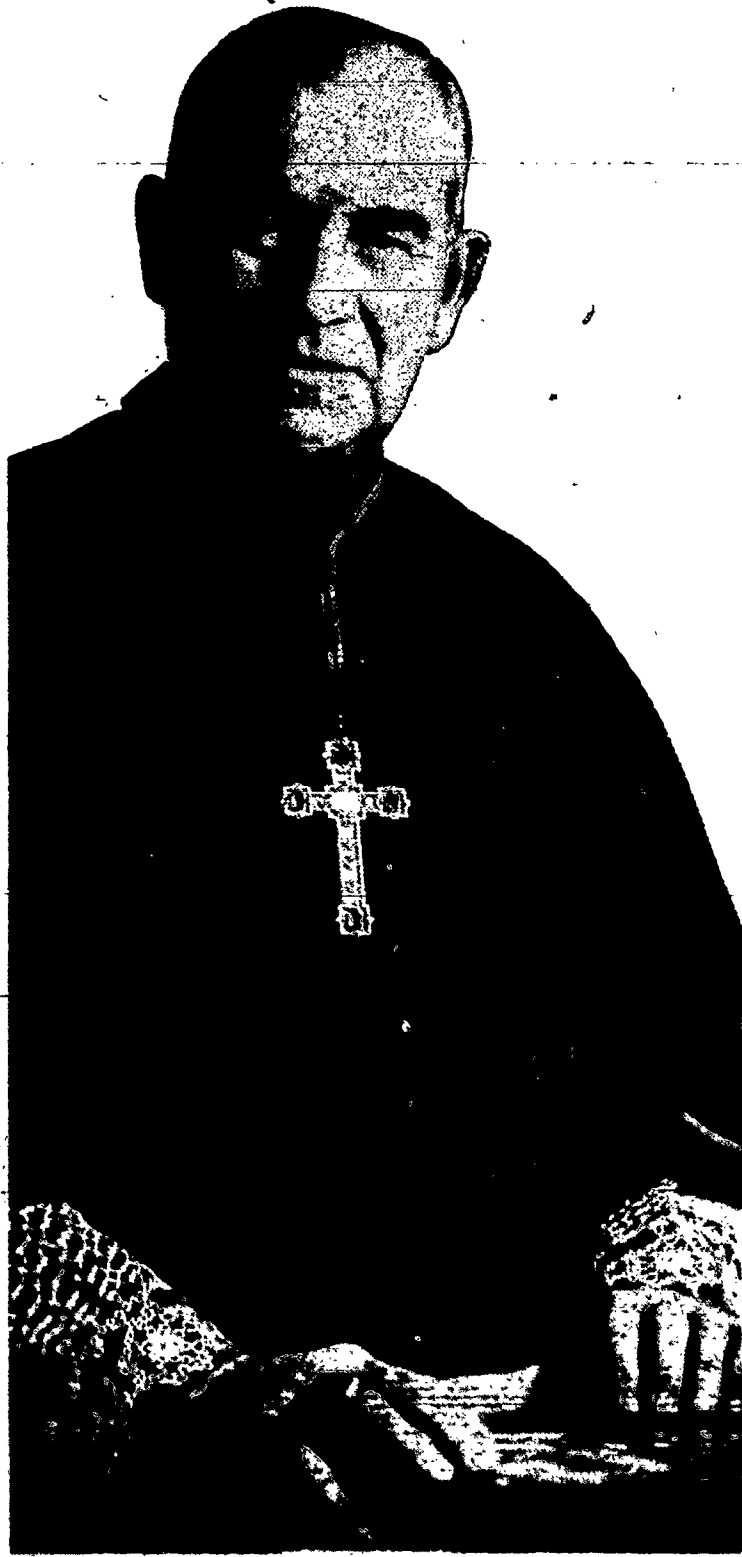


# DIocese of ROCHESTER CATHOLIC CHARITIES REVIEW

## 'Many Human Souls Are Helped'



His Excellency  
MOST REV. JAMES E. KEARNEY, D.D.  
Bishop of Rochester

### My Dear Friends

About this time of the year when our annual Community Chest Campaign will appeal for support of the programs of the various agencies, it is most appropriate that our Catholic Charities present this graphic story of the extensive program of service in which the organization is engaged.

I welcome the opportunity of expressing our gratitude and appreciation to the many workers who make this program effective. We realize that there is a spirit of service and a generosity of heart that cannot be re-

corded in figures and statistics. It lies hidden behind these pictures and figures, but it is the great spiritual force which makes the record possible.

When you give your donation to the Community Chest - Red Cross Campaign, look over these many-sided activities. Notice how many human souls are helped by these services and make your donation so generous that you can feel that you have an active part in all of them.

Therein you have the spirit and the generosity which will make this annual appeal the success it must

be made. It demands sacrifice in our gifts for them to have genuine spiritual value. James Russell Lowell expressed the thought in the words he puts on the lips of Christ in "The Vision of Sir Launfal":

"Not what we give, but what we SHARE,  
For the gift, without the giver, is bare.  
Who gives himself, with his alms, feeds three:  
Himself, his hungering neighbor, and ME."

Your devoted Shepherd in Christ,  
JAMES E. KEARNEY  
Bishop of Rochester

### 'Tender Care' For Foster Children

T.L.C. is the special motto for over 170 homes in the Rochester area. T.L.C. means tender, loving care. The 170 homes are the homes of families in the foster home program sponsored by Catholic Family Center of the Rochester Diocese. In these foster homes, over 200 boys and girls, separated from their own parents by reason of illness, death or marital conflict, receive the love and security of a "home away from home."

Ordinary family people make up the roster of foster parents in the Family Center's Child Care program. Foster fathers range from carpenters to lawyers. All have this in common — that they desire to share their homes with the less fortunate.

One mother when asked about being a foster mother, replied: "My husband and I have been so blessed with our own family that we both felt we could make room for one more. Johnny has been with us two years now. He is now one of the family. We wouldn't think of letting him go."

Another mother observed: "Our Mary, who came to live with us a year ago is leading her class. She has brought us many satisfactions."

The Catholic Family Center in its yearly report cited the need for more good foster homes. There are still children who are separated from their real parents and in need of good homes immediately, the report stated.

In its foster care program, the Family Center seeks homes where love and security can be offered to these boys and girls. In return, the Center takes care of the cost of board and room, clothing, medical and dental work, and school supplies.

Workers from the Agency visit regularly with the foster parents. Childhood problems are discussed and much mutual help is given.

A former director of the agency in reminiscing recalled that many former foster children in the Agency's program are today priests, sisters, doctors, nurses, lawyers, teachers and people serving their homes and communities. Some foster home, he said, had much to do with this achievement.



'Swing me high, Sister'

Sister Jeanne Louise at St. Joseph Villa symbolizes affection, care given children, needy, aged through Catholic Charities program

### Guests Find Happiness, Friends At St. Ann's

St. Ann's Home for the Aged on Rochester's Lake Ave. is a residence for aged and infirm men and women.

During the past year, 261 persons received a total of 76,633 hours care at the Home.

In caring for the guests at St. Ann's, Sister Mary Walter, executive director, is assisted by a staff of 17 Sisters of St. Joseph, five of whom are graduate nurses. The Sisters supervise the work of personnel who fill the 54 full time jobs required in the efficient management of the Home.

A physician who is on call, and a social worker who processes all applications, complete the staff.

Days at St. Ann's Home begin with Holy Mass for those who wish and are able to attend. After breakfast the men guests are free to go walking, attend to errands, read in one of the many small garden plots on the grounds.

Through an occupational therapy class, many of them have learned to do craft work in leather, producing billfolds, key cases, moccasins, book covers and many other finely tooled articles.

The women guests may sit and chat, read or do some form of needlework. Through a therapy project at the Home, quantities of quilts, First Communion dresses, sweaters and other articles of clothing have been made by the guests and shipped to the war-torn countries of Europe and the East.

For those guests who are bed-ridden, twenty-four hour nursing service is carried on in the Infirmary. Living in close contact with each other, the guests at the Home naturally form firm and lasting friendships. Recently one woman guest, who was visiting relatives out of town was pressed by them to prolong her visit. She stated that she was anxious to return "home," since her friend across the hall was not well when she left and she was desirous of returning to see how she was.

Considering the age and the state of health of each particular guest, the Home offers a varied schedule, full but leisurely. As one guest recently stated, "Before coming to St. Ann's, I wondered how I would spend the time. Now that I am here, I cannot find time enough to accomplish all the things I want to."

### Charity Agencies Service Totals Over \$1,000,000

Eight agencies of the Rochester Catholic Charities expended over a million dollars for varied services to the community, according to a report made today by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Arthur E. Ratigan, Charities director.

All eight Catholic agencies participate in the Rochester Community Chest-Red Cross program. Monsignor Ratigan stated, and derive funds from the Chest and from other sources.

Bishop James E. Kearney has appealed to Catholics of the Rochester area for a donation so generous in the May 3 to 14 Chest campaign "that you can feel you have an active part" in all the services aided by the Catholic Charities and Chest-Red Cross programs.

Monsignor Ratigan's report covers the 12 month period April 1, 1955 to March 3, 1956. During that period, \$1,085,765.00 in expenses provided counseling and care for dependent children, the aged, individuals in special need and for educational and recreational programs.

Funds totaling \$401,851.00 were provided by the Rochester Community Chest, and the remaining \$683,914.00 came from other sources, the Charities director explained.

Major portion of the total outlay went to the Catholic Family Center which gave service to 2,587 families, cared for 624 children away from their own homes, and placed 65 children for adoption during the past year.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES directs recreational and educational programs through the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO). CYO branches are in operation at the Columbus Building in downtown Rochester, as also in East Rochester and in Holy Redeemer and Immaculate Conception parishes.

Catholic Family Center has served over 2,000 families through its child adoption program, foster home care, and family counseling service.

St. Joseph's Villa on Dewey Ave. is the picturesque home for 145 children, and St. Ann's on Lake Ave. has accommodated over 250 aged or infirm guests during the past year. Both the Villa and St. Ann's are staffed by Sisters of St. Joseph.

Genesee and Charles Settlement Houses located on Duke and Jay Streets serve families in these congested areas through leisure time programs and summer time day camps.

St. Elizabeth Guild House on Field St. has 35 young working girls or students in residence.

Elmira and Auburn also have Catholic Charities offices under the direction of Monsignor Ratigan.

### Director's Statement

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Your Excellency:

It is with a sense of real and pardonable pride that we present to you the story of Christian Charity as lived and demonstrated in the manifold works of your co-workers.

Here is outlined the variety of Holy Mother the Church's concern for the welfare of her children.

Christ's observation, "The poor you shall always have with you," is a constant reminder to your fellow workers that we need the poor as much as they need us; that the spiritual and corporal works of mercy should be as fruitful to the giver as to the recipient. This has been our opportunity, to find Christ in our neighbor, for which we must be most grateful.

I pray that all of us may manifest the self-effacing spirit of St. Vincent de Paul in our dealings with our fellowmen. "So love the people, you serve that they will forgive you the giving of bread."

Respectfully submitted  
ARTHUR E. RATIGAN,  
DIOCESAN DIRECTOR  
OF CHARITIES.



Monsignor Ratigan  
Charities Director

### College Training Program

Catholic Family Center cooperates in the training programs of several Colleges and Universities.

At present, the Catholic University of America and the Universities of Buffalo and Ottawa are sending students to do field work in the Rochester Catholic agency.

The following students are now on the staff, doing their field work for periods from five to ten months:

Father Edward Carroll, Archdiocese of Milwaukee, and Father Dennis Muehe, Archdiocese of Seattle, are from the Catholic University of America.

Miss Santina Fazio is from the University of Buffalo. Miss Sylvia Habana and Mr. Gerald Miller are from the University of Ottawa.

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Photographs by Thomas Casey in this Catholic Charities Review show Father Mulcahy, Sister Jean Louise, and Collins family on page 1A; Guild House on page 2A, and St. Joseph's Villa on page 4A. Monsignor Ratigan photo, page 1A, by Varden. Other pictures are from the files of the Catholic Charities.

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### Adoptions, Counseling Family Center Role

Catholic Family Center is one of the largest adoption agencies in New York State, according to its director, Rev. Donald J. Mulcahy, M.S.W.

The Family Center also places children in foster homes on a temporary basis, and aids families in need of professional counseling service, Father Mulcahy said.

Over one hundred couples last year applied to the Center to adopt a child.

Their first questions usually are, "What do we have to do?" And, "How long do we have to wait?"

A staff of specially trained social workers arranges a series of interviews and processes each application by personal visits to the home of the adopting parents.

Questions asked in the interview seek to probe personal intentions of the prospective adopting parents and possibility of their having children of their own.

Love and affection for the adopted child are the basic requirements sought in the applicants.

The agency has no specific requirements as to income: It seeks couples who give evidence of job satisfaction, wise money management and sound budgeting.



Father Mulcahy  
Family Center Director

A physical examination is also required of the applicants. Stable home life is also expected.

Applicants are also asked what kind of a child they prefer. Caseworkers will also explain what children are at that time available for adoption. Insofar as possible, children are placed with couples they can budgeting.

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CYO Swim Lesson at Columbus Building

### Services For Many Rochester Community Chest Campaign May 3 to 14

Catholic Sponsored Agencies Sharing in Chest Funds Are

- Catholic Family Center
- Genesee Settlement House
- Catholic Youth Organization
- Charles Settlement House
- East-Rochester C.Y.O.
- St. Ann's Home
- St. Elizabeth Guild House
- St. Joseph's Villa
- St. Mary's Hospital

'Charity Is Patient, Kind...'



Two foster children from Rochester Catholic Family Center have happy home life with the five children of Mr. and Mrs. J. Roger Collins, Pittsford