

'Christian Concern'

My dear Friends,

The Catholic Charities of the diocese takes the occasion of the Rochester Community Chest Appeal to bring to your attention the many activities made possible by your generosity to the Community Chest. In this special edition we try to present in graphic detail the extensive program of relief and care, of Christian concern for the less fortunate in our midst.

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 recorded in figures and statistics, a service that cannot be recompensed. It lies behind these pictures and figures, but it is the great spiritual



Most Rev. James E. Kearney, Bishop of Rochester

force which makes the record possible.

When, therefore, you consider the size of 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.

Your Community Chest-Red Cross Campaign eliminates a great volume of individual appeals which would otherwise be spread over the whole year. In one generous gift you share in all of them and that sharing is a high privilege and brings its own blessing.

Your devoted Shepherd in Christ,

James E. Kearney, Bishop of Rochester



Young and not-so-young benefit from Rochester Catholic Charities more than million dollar program. Sister Mary Walter introduces little visitor to guest at St. Ann's Home to symbolize age-range served from Charities works of mercy.

Record Report

\$1,129,397 Spent For Charities

Eight agencies of the Rochester Catholic Charities provided services to the community totalling over one million dollars in value during the past twelve months, according to a report made today by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Arthur E. Ratigan, Charities director.

All eight agencies participate in the Rochester Community Chest-Red Cross program, Monsignor Ratigan stated.

Funds to finance the varied services of the Catholic Charities are derived from the Chest and from other sources.

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

Monsignor Ratigan's report covers the 12 month period April 1, 1956 to March 31, 1957. During that period, \$1,129,397.90 in expenses provided counseling and care for dependent children, the aged, individuals in special need and for educational and recreational programs.

Funds totaling \$123,827.80 were provided by the Rochester Community Chest, and the remaining \$709,756.40 came from other sources, the Charities director explained.

Major portion of the total outlay went to the Catholic Family Center which gave services to 2,512 families, cared for 642 children away from their own homes, and placed 59 children for adoption during the past year.

Catholic Family Center has

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

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 parish.

St. Joseph's Villa on Dewey Ave. is the picturesque home for 105 children, and St. Ann's on Lake Ave. has accommodated over 280 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 Eldred St. has 43 young working girls or students in residence. Elmira and Auburn also have Catholic Charities offices under the direction of Monsignor Ratigan.

Director's Report

Most Rev. James E. Kearney, Bishop of Rochester

Your Excellency:

This review is an annual report to you and to my fellow Catholics of the various activities of Catholic Charities.

To be true followers of Christ in this age we are obliged to show His compassion toward the sufferings and problems of our fellow-men. Christ in our day must still go about "doing good".

The surely troubled get a helping hand from the dedicated Catholic social worker; homeless child is mothered by the consecrated nun; those in the twilight of life find a haven with the daughters of Christ; refugees from tyranny, the modern counterpart of the Holy Family, find in our midst a friendly home under the auspices of Catholic Charities.

All this is made possible through the generosity of our fellow citizens through the Community Chest.

I should like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to all my fellow workers, priests, sisters, laymen and women for their unstinting efforts to make Christian charity a shining and useful reality.

Monsignor Ratigan, Charities Director

Efforts to make Christian charity a shining and useful reality.

Sincerely yours,

Arthur E. Ratigan, Diocesan Director of Charities



Jan Hobets and his family, Hollanders turned Americans, welcome a visit from Catholic Charities worker Mrs. Bernadette Heffernan who aided in settling the family in Seward St. home.

Refugees Flee Red Tyranny

Refugees from tyranny and poverty have found Rochester proof that America is still "the land of opportunity." Catholic Charities this past year introduced 79 Hungarians and 73 Hollanders to the American way of life under emergency programs set up by the U.S. government.

VICTIMS of ten years of communist terrorism in their homeland, these Hungarians fled to freedom when last October's revolt in Budapest cracked the Iron Curtain for a brief five days.

Carrying only a handful of personal belongings, the refugees came to Rochester under auspices of the Rochester Catholic Charities.

Charities officials housed the refugees in the Manger Rochester Hotel until homes and jobs were located for the newcomers to America.

TWENTY DUTCH families have also started life anew in the Rochester area through arrangements made by the Catholic Charities services.

High prices, low wages crowded living conditions sent the industrious Dutch looking for opportunity in the United States.

A new language, fast traffic, and America's "informality" baffled the immigrants from tiny Holland.

Hungarian refugees also noted how "everybody in America is so good to us."

Aiding the Catholic Charities settling the Dutch and Hungarian families were Boy and Girl Scout groups of six Rochester parishes. Scouts scrubbed windows, cleaned floors, and scoured neighborhoods to find furnishings for the homes of the newcomers.

Besides this past year's emergency aid to the Hungarian and Dutch people, Catholic Charities has brought a total of over two thousand additional immigrants to the Rochester area since 1948 when the present immigration laws of the United States became effective.

Names well known in the field of social welfare highlight the forty-five year history of Rochester Catholic Charities.

These names include Bishop Walter A. Foery of Syracuse, Monsignor Gerard Lambert, Rev. John B. Crowley, all former directors of the Charities, William T. Nolan, Kathleen d'Olier, and the present director, Rt. Rev. Msgr. Arthur E. Ratigan.

Actually, it would require a litany of names to tell the complete story of the 45 year old organization.

Persons who worked on a volunteer basis would hardly recognize their organization which today is a multimillion dollar program staffed by over 200 specially trained workers.

Originally established in 1912 to aid persons in need of urgent assistance, today's program also includes family counseling, adoption and foster home arrangements, training for retarded children, and the extensive recreational program of the Catholic Youth Organization.

Rochester's Community Chest, first established in 1918, has provided substantial funds in carrying on the Catholic Charities programs.

Volunteer workers launched the Catholic Charities Guild 45 years ago when Archbishop Thomas F. Hickey, Rochester's

Mothers On Call

"Temporary mothers" receive training in a little-known service of Catholic Family Center.

Over fifty families benefited as a result of the homemaker course, according to Rev. Donald J. Mulcahy, Family Center director.

Women trained in the homemaker service serve as "temporary mothers" in homes where the real mother is absent because of sudden illness, death or other adversity. Homemakers go into the home on a temporary basis for a nominal fee. In some cases the Family Center assists the family with the financial aspects.

Homemakers serve as "temporary mothers"; they care for the children and they do light housework. One man said recently, "I don't know what I would have done to care for my children if Homemaker Service had not come to my rescue."

Catholic Family Center collaborates with the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children in the administration of this service. To receive this service, anyone interested should apply at Catholic Family Center, 50 Chestnut Street.

Chest Mass

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Arthur E. Ratigan, Director of Rochester Catholic Charities, will celebrate Holy Mass at 11:30 a. m. in St. Joseph's Church, Franklin St., for the success of the annual Community Chest-Red Cross campaign.

Rev. Eugene H. McFarland, director of the Catholic Youth Organization, will preach the sermon.

Officials and workers in the annual campaign have been invited to attend the Mass.

Foster Homes 'Pilot Project'

Foster homes are being needed for adoption cases and girls in case committee chairman Mrs. Melba J. Porter stated today. She has launched a special "pilot project" at St. Charles Borromeo parish to locate homes for older children in need of foster care.

Fifteen families of this parish have already obtained to

for home program in caring for children in need of a home, and the Catholic Family Center supervising agency of the foster home program. Over 175 homes of the Rochester area currently have a foster child from the Catholic Family Center, but many more homes are still needed, said Mrs. Porter.

The St. Charles "pilot project" is an intensive effort to inform parishioners there of the need for foster homes. Through the three month period, March through May 1957, the pastor Father Robert A. Keleher has preached on the subject, carried notices in the parish bulletin, and brought Family Center speakers Donald E. Robinson and Mrs. Angelo Mastrella to the parish Holy Name and Rosary Societies meetings.

Response has been "very generous" according to Family Center officials. Applicants willing to accept a foster child are interviewed by Family Center case workers.

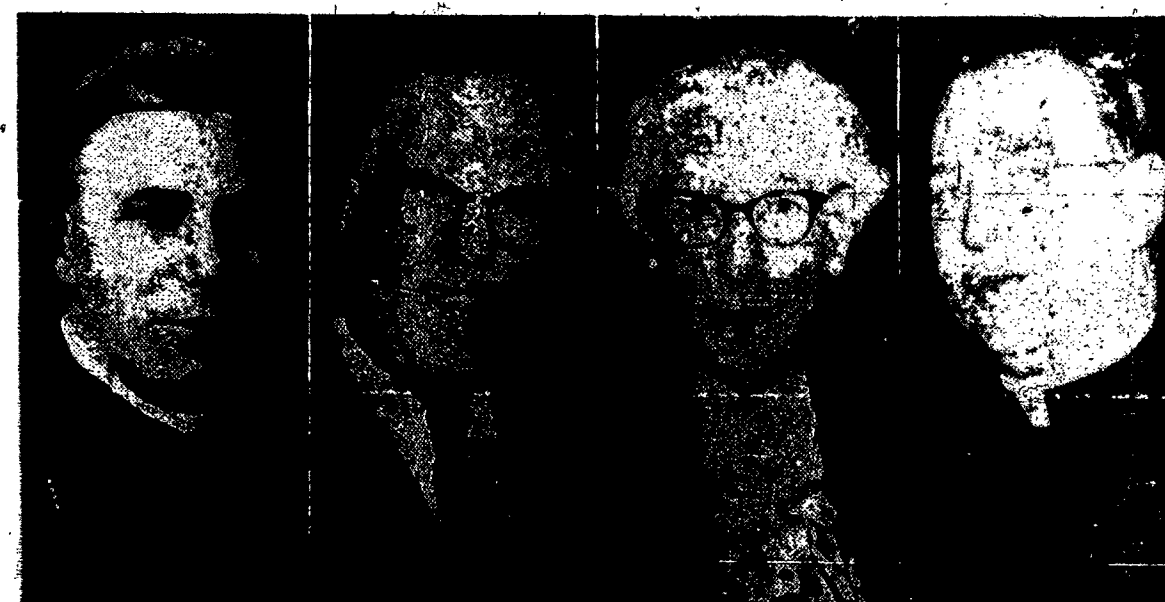
The Family Center hopes to conduct similar campaigns in other parishes during the rest of this year.

Services For Many Rochester Community Chest Campaign May 2 to 13 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 . . .'

Charities Mark Forty-Five Years



Bishop Foery

William Nelson

Kathleen d'Olier

Monsignor Lambert

second bishop, appointed Rev. Jacob F. Staub to assist people in need of urgent help. Father Staub developed a systematic relief service and in 1914 opened a permanent office under the direction of Miss Elizabeth McSweeney, widely known for her pioneering work in caring for unwed mothers. Miss McSweeney worked thirty-eight years in the Charities office until her retirement in 1952.

WILLIAM T. NOLAN, general secretary of the Charities, has a forty year record with the organization. In 1917, the

year the Charities were incorporated under New York State law, Nolan directed a fund campaign which realized the record sum of \$77,000 to finance the Charities program.

A year later, the Rochester Community Chest—known then as the War Chest—was organized to coordinate fund appeals of Rochester charity groups. The Catholic Charities holds a "charter membership" in the Chest program and is now one of the Chest's principal agencies.

Names long prominent in

Rochester civic and business life are recorded in the Charities 45 years of service.

Augustine J. Cunningham still serves on the Charities' board of trustees. He is the only surviving member of the original group of officers who launched the fledgling organization when it was incorporated in 1917.

Associated with Mr. Cunningham, as members of the first board of directors were William C. Barry, first treasurer, John L. Keenan, vice president, and William T. Farrell,

the Charities first secretary.

Other board members included James G. Comerford, Joseph P. Doyle, John G. Ellis, Thomas H. Green, Augustine B. Hone, J. Adam Kreag, J.G. Merlman, P. H. Murray, M. W. O'Brien, Joseph M. Quigley, John N. Rabner, William P. Shafer, Peter A. Vay, Andrew Wolensak, and Philip H. Yawman.

Clergy who served as trustees of the Charities first board: Archbishop Hickey and the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Dennis J. Curran, The Rt. Rev. Msgr. William E. Cowen, now pastor of St. Mary's Church, Auburn, and a director of the Auburn Catholic Charities program, was also one of the three prelates who guided the Rochester organization in 1917.

KATHLEEN d'OLIER, now living in retirement on Gibbs St., became the Catholic Charities first "social worker" following her Red Cross service overseas during World War I. A convert to the Catholic faith, Miss d'Olier brought an intense concern for the needy to her new position as one of Rochester's earliest social workers.

She trained and directed new workers as the Charities program expanded during the decade of the 1920's. She is recognized throughout the Rochester area for developing the foster home plan to care for homeless

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Charity Ladies

The year old Ladies of Charity organization has 828 hours of service in works of mercy.

Members are volunteers who assist Catholic Family Center in transportation of St. Ann's residents to hospitals, take foster children to doctors, dentists, or special trips.

Ladies of Charity served as emergency office workers in settling the Hungarian refugees brought to Rochester by the Catholic Family Center.

Main purpose of the new charity organization is to help the needy in the community. The Holy See has abetted many indulgences to this organization. The new group at the Family Center meets bi-monthly in business and religious sessions.

Each member then serves the agency regularly either as a member of the new

Corps, the Clinical Aides, or Clerical Assistants.

Mrs. Mary Dawson of the Catholic Family Center works with the following members of the Ladies of Charity:

- Motor Corps - Mrs. George A. Conway, Mrs. F. George Duffy, Mrs. Howard A. Murphy, Mrs. Raymond Fox, Frank Hawken, Mrs. John Heffernan, Mrs. Harry E. Lein, Mrs. Howard A. Lowmuth, Mrs. Frank J. Murphy, Mrs. Leo T. Minton, Mrs. Murphy, Mrs. Thomas Murphy, Mrs. William Murphy, Mrs. William Murphy.