

Personal Charity Said Agencies Goal

Kansas City — (RNS) — Praise for the "magnitude" of Catholic charities was couched here by Msgr. Floyd F. Fischer of Omaha, Neb., with a warning that "we cannot permit ourselves to remain in the rut of traditionalism."

He said "there are four areas where we can stand a good examination of conscience."

These he listed as loss of individual contact through too much specialization, lack of unity between Catholic schools of social work and the large variety of programs under Catholic auspices, the need for more scientific research to accompany social service programs, and the need to revive the spirit of personal charity.

Msgr. Fischer is president of the National Conference of Catholic Charities and executive director of the Omaha archdiocese. He addressed the twin national conventions of the NCCC and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

SURVEYING the work of Catholic Charities over the country, the monsignor reported:

There are today 304 diocesan and branch charitable agencies in operation, staffed by several thousand clerical, religious and lay workers.

Three hundred and one homes serve 81,151 Catholic children. The number of children in foster homes totals 22,649. Through these two types of service 53,800 children are receiving care under Catholic auspices.

One hundred and thirty-three protective institutions serve 17,331 students.

There are 303 homes for the aged caring for 26,653 elderly persons, an increase of 21 per cent since 1947.

Eight hundred and one general hospitals are treating 10,865,662 patients, an increase of 188 per cent in the number of patients served since 1947.

SPECIAL HOSPITALS, sanatoria and psychiatric institutions

number 133 and care for 159,114 patients.

In addition to these facilities, Msgr. Fischer reported, there has been an increase in the number of guidance clinics, new programs for the hard of hearing and the deaf, the blind, the cerebral palsied, and special education programs for children with learning disabilities.

Nuns Staff Mohammedan Leper Colony

Teheran, Iran — (NC) — Four members of the congregation, Little Sisters of Jesus, arrived here on their way to Meshed, capital of Khorassan province northwest of here, to care for members of the leper colony there.

In a statement to press representatives, Dr. Abdul Hussein Rodji, Iran's Minister of Health, said:

"For a long time I searched in vain for doctors to care for the lepers of Meshed. I addressed certain of our brothers known for their piety to get them to understand that the house of God is not only in Mecca (the holy city of the Mohammedans), but everywhere that men are suffering. All of them refused to help. Finally I wrote to Paris and immediately received a favorable response from these four Little Sisters."

The Little Sisters of Jesus is one of the congregations founded by Father Charles de Foucauld, a French nobleman who renounced his title and fortune to work among the nomads of the Sahara region. Father de Foucauld was killed by desert nomads in 1917.



Funeral Held For Dubuque's Abp. Rohlman

Dubuque — (NC) — A Requiem Mass was celebrated here for Archbishop Henry Patrick Rohlman, retired Archbishop of Dubuque, by Cardinal Stritch, Archbishop of Chicago.

Archbishop Rohlman died (September 13) in Xavier Hospital here after an illness of two weeks. He was 81 years old.

Bishop Edward A. Fitzgerald of Winona, Minn., former auxiliary to Archbishop Rohlman, preached the sermon at the services in St. Raphael's cathedral.

ARCHBISHOP Rohlman, who resigned his See on December 2, 1954, was born at Appelhuisen, Germany, on March 17, 1876. His family emigrated to the United States when he was three years old and settled at Roselle, Iowa, where young Henry Rohlman attended a mission school.

Later the family moved to Arkansas where the boy's parents died. Henry Rohlman, then an orphan, was taken to Nebraska where he finished elementary school, worked for a grocer and later was a farm hand.

Although he was only 15, Henry Rohlman desired to become a priest. At the urging of Sister Mary Oda, a Franciscan nun who had gone to school with his mother, the orphan entered St. Lawrence College, Mt. Calvary, Wis., in 1891.

Archbishop Paul Bruchesi of Montreal ordained him on December 21, 1901.

Father Rohlman was assigned to the Archdiocesan Mission Band and preached throughout Iowa and Nebraska for five years.

He was named a pastor in 1924 and three years later Pope Pius XI appointed him to succeed Bishop James Davis as Bishop of Davenport.

Bishop Rohlman headed the Davenport See for 17 years. In 1942 he convoked the third diocesan synod in Davenport.

Bishop Rohlman was named Coadjutor Archbishop of Dubuque with right of succession and Apostolic Administrator by Pope Pius XII on June 15, 1944. In November, 1944, he succeeded to the See and served for 10 years as the seventh ordinary and fourth Archbishop of Dubuque.

Mission Meeting

Washington — (NC) — In conversation during the meeting of mission-sending societies, sponsored by the Mission Secretariat, are Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, Secretariat President, and Alouane Diop, expert in African affairs, and Editor Director of Presence Africaine, published in Paris.

Visit To Pope Draws China Scholar To Church

Taipei, Formosa — (NC) — A meeting with His Holiness Pope Pius XII several years ago sparked an interest in Catholicism which has brought a well-known Chinese scholar into the Church.

Dr. Pao Tsen-peng, director of the National Historical Museum and head of the Education and Information department of the China Youth Corps, visited the Pontiff three years ago when he was in Europe as a member of a Chinese labor delegation.

WHILE HE WAS in Europe, Dr. Pao also visited Loyola, Spain, birthplace of St. Ignatius, founder of the Society of Jesus. Because of his interest in this saint he was introduced to the Jesuit superior for Formosa, Father Edward Murphy, S.J., of San Francisco, a professor at the National Formosa University.

Born 45 years ago in Kiangsu province, China, Dr. Pao had many deep-rooted prejudices against the Church. They were a carry over from his early years in Protestant schools. During two years of instruction with Father Murphy, these prejudices were gradually overcome.

Dr. Pao's wife, a high school teacher, attended the course of instruction with him. Both were baptized by the Jesuit superior on the feast of the Assumption.

Drive Out Fear, Restore Spirit

Kansas City — (RNS) — Christian charity serves as an antidote to a secularist age which either denies or is indifferent to the supernatural values of religious faith, Bishop John J. Wright of Worcester, Mass., said here.

"The funding of Christian charity in an age of secularism," Bishop Wright said, "is to drive out fear and to restore the spirit of loving service. It is to supplement material science with spiritual idealism. It is to arm the efficiency of organized social science with the flaming spirit of organic, divine life at work in dedicated persons. It is to make organic and living, rather than organized and perfunctory, the uporation of Christ among us."

Whats' A Reasonable Curfew For Teen-Agers Today?

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What's a reasonable time for teenagers to get in at night? Our two oldest children are now in high school, and this question keeps coming up constantly. It was discussed at one of our PTA meetings, but most of us came away more confused than before. Are opinions varied so much that there are no reliable norms parents can follow in this matter?

A European observer has remarked somewhat maliciously, perhaps, that American parents spend half their time worrying about when their children will turn in, and the other half about how they will turn out.

He also commented on how well American parents obey their children.

There is more than a little truth in these observations. Some parents seem to be afraid of their job, almost as if they doubted their right to instruct, guide, and supervise their children.

IT SHOULD NOT be too difficult to work out the basic norms concerning the time teen-agers ought to get in. In fact, it is a matter of rather elementary arithmetic.

The average teenager requires at least eight hours sleep a night. Individual needs may vary, but the average is a safe norm to follow. Now if you add in the time required for dressing, washing, morning prayers, and eating an adequate breakfast before starting for school at eight or eight-thirty in the morning you will find that bedtime should normally be around ten o'clock on school nights.

There's nothing mysterious or difficult in figuring this out. Indeed, if an individual child requires more sleep, has special responsibilities around the home in the morning, or must travel a considerable distance to school, the time for retiring may have to be even earlier.

Furthermore, since the evening is the only time normally available for doing home work, pursuing special interests such as hobbies, practicing music, and so on, spending some time with other members of the family, and getting needed relaxation after a long and busy day, it should be evident that going out on school nights must be limited.

This also is a matter of simple arithmetic. No matter how you plan it there are only twenty-four hours in a day. Since time is limited, just things must come first.

WEEK END EVENINGS, when the problems of homework and sleep are not so pressing, the question of going out and of a reasonable hour for getting in appears somewhat different. Young people have social obligations and should be offered an opportunity to fulfill them.

Teenagers enjoy going out a night just as you parents do. They like parties, traveling with the gang, and the reputation for being a good sport. Learning to mix socially with others is an essential part of the process of growing up, but it may cause you parents some worries.

What can you do? First, you should know where your children are going, with whom they are going, and what they intend to do. Some silly parents think that to require this information constitutes an invasion of their children's privacy. This is absurd. Because parents are responsible for their children they must have this information.

Second, you should know when the affair is expected to be over and how your children intend to come home. In terms of this information, you can then set a reasonable hour for getting in.

This hour should be reasonable, that is, certainly not later than one o'clock under normal circumstances.

Finally, you should train your children to notify you if they will be late or if they need your help.

You may feel that I am overly strict in this matter of going out and getting in. My position is based on common sense and simple arithmetic. Your children have a job to do: grow up in good health and get an education for life. Precisely because they are not adults, they cannot be expected to manage this alone.

In all fairness to them your job as parents is to see that they get an even break.

LOOKING FOR ST. THOMAS

The Holy Father approves the missionary's plea for help to build St. Thomas the Apostle Chapel for his 450 people in Elavnapadam, India. As it is near a large, new dam project he expects many more to come to work on it or to farm the reclaimed lands. His people bought the land and are still gathering their mites. We'll need \$2000 from outside to enable them to complete it. Won't you help?

YOUR WILL IS GOD'S WILL IF HE IS IN IT.

BABY'S BANK ACCOUNT

One young couple enrolled their new infant. "This is the Baby's first \$1 given for a 'bank account.'" They're starting her bank account with God first. Such MEMBERSHIP OFFERINGS are precious help to our Holy Father to meet mission emergencies.

LEST YOU DOUBT

Often friends are still surprised when we assure them MASS OFFERINGS are a help. We can't emphasize enough the dire poverty of our missionaries. Many have no other support. Some also help their work by sides. Thus your gifts help your loved ones for whom Masses are said, these poor priests and, of course, yourself.

YOUNG AND WILLING

NICHOLAS, at the Greek College in Rome, and two JOSEPHS in Lebanon are youths eager to enlist in Christ's army of native missionaries. Their destitute families can't help the seminaries with the yearly tuition (\$100) needed for their keep during the six years training. Can you help one with this yearly sum?

WHAT TO DO ABOUT GIFTS?

Do you often wonder what to give a loved one relative or friend, religious or lay person. A "spiritual gift" has lasting effects. Our GIFT CARDS will say: (1) you had Mass said for them. OR (2) you enrolled them in the rich spiritual benefits of this Association; OR (3) in their name you gave a sacred article to a mission chapel.

POOR DEAR SISTERS

SISTER MARY PRESTHEENA just began two years training with the Adoration Sisters and SISTERS REGIS and SOPHIA with the Carmelites in India. These, and SISTER GENEVIEVE in Lebanon, beg help for the \$150 it costs to maintain and educate one each year. Can you "adopt" one? His parents cannot help. You may send it in any convenient payments.

WIDOW'S MITE?

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