



Sister Theophane coaches little leaguers at St. Joseph's Villa, Catholic Charities serve all age groups.

### One Generous Gift

My dear People:

On next Thursday evening, many of your fellow-citizens will meet to open the annual campaign for our Community Chest and the American Red Cross. These thoughtful people will give generously in time, energy, and money to make this undertaking of 1959 an outstanding success.

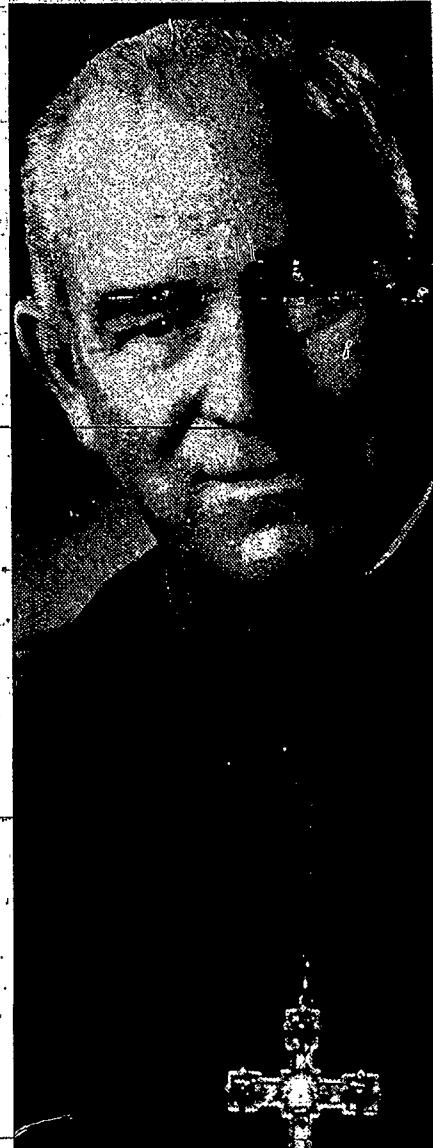
The tragedies that occur daily throughout our country make deep inroads into the funds for relief of the American Red Cross. The Red Cross depends on our generosity if it is to meet the various emergencies.

Our own community needs are well known to you and are well taken care of by the many agencies of the Community Chest, whose history is a sound story of public service, whose workers give a personal service that cannot be measured in dollars and cents.

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 shall 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



His Excellency  
BISHOP JAMES E. KEARNEY

### Report Shows

## Charity Tops Million Mark

Eight agencies of the Rochester Catholic Charities provided services to the community totaling 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.

The actual total of \$1,240,506.48 represents the second highest figure ever reported by the 47-year old diocesan Charities organization.

All eight Catholic Charities 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, in a letter to be read in all Catholic churches of the Rochester area this Sunday, May 3, will urge generous contributions to the forthcoming Chest-Red Cross fund campaign scheduled to be held May 7 to 18.

Monsignor Ratigan's report covers the 12 month period April 1, 1958 to March 31, 1959.

During that period, \$1,240,506.48 in expenses provided counseling and care for dependent children, the aged, individuals in special need and for educational and recreational programs.

Funds totaling \$493,564.00 were provided by the Rochester Community Chest, and the remaining \$748,006.95 came from other sources, the Charities director explained.

Catholic Family Center has served over 2,968 families through its child adoption program, foster-home care, and family counseling service.



MRS. JOHN HEFFERNAN  
St. Elizabeth's Guild

New St. Elizabeth's Guild House, the former Walter L. Todd mansion, 1475 East Ave., is home for 35 working girls and students aged 18 to 35. The new location not far from Culver Road replaces a Field St. building torn down this year to make room for highway construction. Mrs. Heffernan, director of the Guild House, says applications are currently being accepted for immediate or future occupancy.

### Community Chest Mass Sunday

Mass will be offered for the success of the Rochester Community Chest campaign at St. Joseph's Church, Sunday, May 3 at 11:30 a.m.

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Arthur E. Ratigan, diocesan director of Catholic Charities, will be celebrant and Rev. Charles B. Connel, preacher.

Chest campaign workers and people of the Rochester area are invited to attend the Mass to ask God's blessing on the community wide fund appeal to aid the area's needy.

## Dynamic Charity

Your Excellency:

It is with a sense of pardonable pride that we make this annual report of the activities of the Charities to you and to our fellow Catholics of the diocese.

In addition to the established programs of Christian service to every age group from the cradle to the grave, we in the Charities would like to call attention to new activities that point up the dynamic adaptation of Christian Charity to meet current needs.

This past year witnessed the inauguration of the DePaul Clinic under the Charities. This clinic affords our parochial school children the competence of modern psychiatry and psychology.

A new St. Elizabeth's Guild House was opened in January. There we are able to give to young women in homelike surroundings the protection and guidance that their tender years demand. At St. Joseph's Villa we established a casework department in order to better help the children in residence there and their parents.

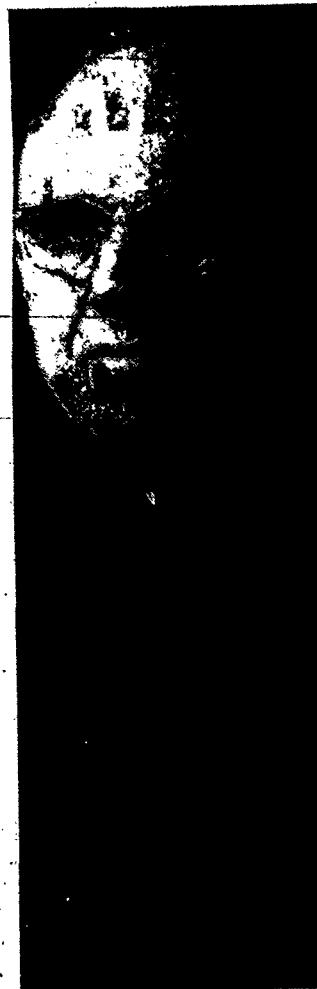
In the field of the aging we in the Charities have devoted much of our time to the planning of a new home for the aging. We are planning not only a new physical plant for our elder citizens, but we are developing a new program to better meet the needs of this ever expanding age group of our population.

The expansion into new fields can only take place because of the strength of the established program of the Charities.

This strength is in no small way due to the continued strong support of the Community Chest of Rochester and Monroe County which is one of the finest expressions of a community's conscience.

Sincerely yours,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Arthur E. Ratigan  
Diocesan Director of Charities



Rt. Rev. Monsignor  
ARTHUR E. RATIGAN

## Clinic Aids Children In Psychiatric Need

Catholic Charities initiated a new service this year — psychiatric treatment for children in Rochester area parochial schools.

Nearly a hundred children have been aided by the new agency since it opened July 15, 1958.

The DePaul Clinic, its official name, received its New York State Department of Mental Hygiene license at that time. Its headquarters are in the Columbus Building in downtown Rochester.

Two doctors, two specially trained social workers and a secretary constitute the present staff.

In the clinic's eight months, the staff has held a total of over 900 interviews with children, parents and teachers. Results to date show 21 children no longer in need of the special service and 79 still under the clinic's care.

The clinic's program also includes counseling to teachers in reference to individual children and educational services in mental health practices to parents, schools and community groups. Prevention of mental illness and promotion of sound mental health concepts, especially

in the area of child raising and training, are an integral part of clinic function.

In addition to these direct services to children, clinic staff members have participated in various community mental health projects, conducted an eight-week parent seminar on psychological factors in child development

and consulted with the schools on children not referred for direct service.

Staff members of the clinic are Dr. Albert W. Sullivan, director and psychiatrist; Dr. Carmen J. Scates, psychologist; Philip Powers and Mrs. Elizabeth F. Hopkins, psychiatric social workers, and Mrs. June J. Nelson, secretary.

### Services For Many Rochester Community Chest Campaign May 7 to 18

Sharing in Chest Funds Are Catholic Sponsored Agencies

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

'Charity Is Patient, Kind...'



DePaul Clinic staff of specially trained psychiatric workers, from left, Philip Powers, Mrs. Harry Hopkins, Dr. Albert Sullivan, Dr. Carmen Scates and Mrs. Edgar Litson.

## St. Ann's Home Looks Ahead

Staff members and guests at St. Ann's Home, since 1906 a familiar landmark on Rochester's Lake Ave., are looking forward to their new, ultra-modern structure to be built next year.

Architects are completing plans for the new edifice to be located off Portland Ave. near Ridge Rd. East.

Eastman Kodak Company purchased the present St. Ann's property a year ago this May.

Advanced age can be a gloomy time of life if it is spent solitary and lonely, officials at the home explain. At St. Ann's, however, there is companionship, activity and needed care.

Caring for 255 aged and infirm men and women during the past year, the 35 Sisters and 90 full-time employees of the home spent a total of 80,493 days of care for those at the home.

The home takes care of two

types of aged, according to Sister Mary Walter, executive director. During the last year, 83 women were in its infirmary and 172 men and women were in the "well" section of the home.

Guests in the infirmary receive 24-hour nursing care and from a medical standpoint, excellent medical care and skilled nursing techniques are employed to afford relief and comfort.

As would be expected, rooms at the home are cheerfully decorated and food is nutritious and palatable. Social living is not neglected in the infirmary. A spacious sun parlor where the men and women are taken in the morning and afternoon gives the patient an opportunity to visit, while radio and television programs furnish entertainment.

An extensive program is mapped out for the "well" section of the home where care extends from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

### Charity Ladies

During the past three years, the Ladies of Charity have given over 2,200 hours of service in works of mercy in the Rochester area.

Members are volunteers who assist Catholic Family Center in transportation of foster children to doctors, hospital clinics, Dental Dispensary, Clothing Commissary and pre-placement visits to foster homes.

This work is interesting, members agree, and in carrying out these assignments, each volunteer performs an act of charity and is spiritually rewarded.

Mrs. Mary Dawson of the Catholic Family Center works with the following members of the Ladies of Charity: Mrs. Leo J. Brown, Mrs. John Curran, Mrs. Paul Gears, Mrs. V. Hanman, Mrs. Frank Hawken, Mrs. Herman Kramer, Mrs. Charles Lightfoot, Mrs. Frank Malley, Mrs. Leo T. Minton, Mrs. Gerald Morris, Mrs. Thomas J. McCarrick, Mrs. Ronald J. McDonald, Mrs. Pat Frovenzano, Mrs. Marlean A. Scheg and Mrs. William J. Snyal.

## Villa Is Home For Children

St. Joseph's Villa, at 3300 Dewey Avenue, was "home" to 93 boys and 23 girls during the past year.

The children live in family fashion under the influence of love, affection, and a sense of belonging.

Twenty-four children live in each of the five, large brick houses on the spacious, rolling Villa property. Most of these children were placed at the Villa because their parents were unable to care for them at home.

Twenty-five children were received into the Villa during the year and forty-four were discharged to their own homes or to foster homes.

Seventeen Sisters of St. Joseph staff the Villa and serve as cottage mothers, teachers, registered nurse, social worker, and the administrative position.

Assisting the Sisters in giving the children a good home are twenty-three lay personnel, including maintenance men, cooks, assistant housekeepers, seamstresses, play-

ground directors, and a dietitian.

The children range from first to eighth graders; they are taught by the Sisters in their own little school on the Villa grounds, a short distance from the cottages.

The recreational program includes playtime after school and on Saturdays consisting of the usual playground activities and sports under the supervision of lay playground directors, bi-weekly movies, and seasonal parties and dances.

Participation in community activities such as the "Little League" is encouraged.

St. Joseph's Villa also has its own Social Service Department where trained caseworkers see the children regularly according to individual needs. Psychiatric consultation is available when this is indicated.

Several special picnics at nearby parks are scheduled throughout the summer where games and relays are played, and prizes are earned at the end of fun-filled days.