

Family Center Seeks Homes For Children

Children ranging in age from newborn infants to maturing teenagers find temporary homes through the Rochester Family Center's foster home program. Father Joseph D'Aurizio, the Center's assistant director, explains the "pressure" on the Center to find more foster homes at the present time.

"We're always under pressure to get new foster homes," said Father Joseph D'Aurizio of the Rochester Catholic Family Center.

What did he mean by "pressure"?

"Last year we had to find homes for 350 children and we had only 380 homes to put them in — that averages two to a home."

Actually, he explained, most of the 180 homes had only one foster child at a time but "we'd much prefer a greater cushion in case of a flurry of needs."

Who are these foster children?

"They are children who can't stay in their own home. They need temporary or foster home care until their own home can take them back again."

Why can't they stay home?

"A few examples will explain. Many homes are cast off better — one couple called us because the wife was hospitalized as a result of an auto accident and the father obviously had no time to work every day. They had two young children and couldn't arrange for anyone to supervise them. We arranged for the children in a foster home. Their father stopped on his way to see his wife at the hospital and took them home weekends. The mother was still, hobbled with a cast and quite nervous for a few weeks after her month in the hospital so the children stayed on at the foster home for a total of two months."

"Another case — a young mother with three children had a nervous breakdown and her husband was working at two jobs to make ends meet. We found a home for the children for a three month period until their mother, relieved of their daily care, made a remarkable recovery."

In cases like these, Father D'Aurizio said, the Family Center prefers keeping children of a family together in one foster home.

WHAT KIND of people make the best foster parents?

"Ordinary people who love children."

The Family Center obviously checks each prospective foster home to be sure children will find there "tender, loving care," as nearly a normal home life as in their own home, and the assurance that they will have a happy and religious atmosphere.

Foster parents don't necessarily have to have children of their own — some are older couples whose children have grown up, others are young couples with one or two children and anxious to make room for one or two more.

Doesn't this put quite a financial burden on foster parents?

"No," said Father D'Aurizio, "the cost of the foster child is borne by the Catholic Family Center. We don't expect any return from the Catholic Family Center."

Why is the Catholic Family Center interested in this work?

"We think many more couples would welcome a child in need of a temporary home if they only understood our program better. That's why we are going to have a panel discussion by Family Center staff members at Corpus Christi school hall next Monday evening. We hope many people will come if just to hear our story."

Besides the Rochester Catholic Family Center, the diocesan Catholic Charities office has a similar center in Auburn headed by Robert McAvoy and in Elmira with Miss Mary Fitzgerald in charge.

Films, Cameras For Missions

A missionary bishop in Tanganyika is looking for 16mm movie films (and projectors too) for use in Tanganyika.

Bishop E. C. Arthur, Irish-born member of the Institute of Charity missionary order, said comedies, westerns, silent films are acceptable. His priests will use the films in mission outposts in their near-equatorial mission outposts.

Those who have any such films they wish to give to the prelate may call the Courier Journal, RA 5-6210.

Knights Plan Shrine Visit

Eleventh annual pilgrimage of New York State Grand Commandery, and Rochester Regiments and Ladies Auxiliary Knights of St. John to the Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs, Auriesville, is scheduled Sunday, Oct. 6.

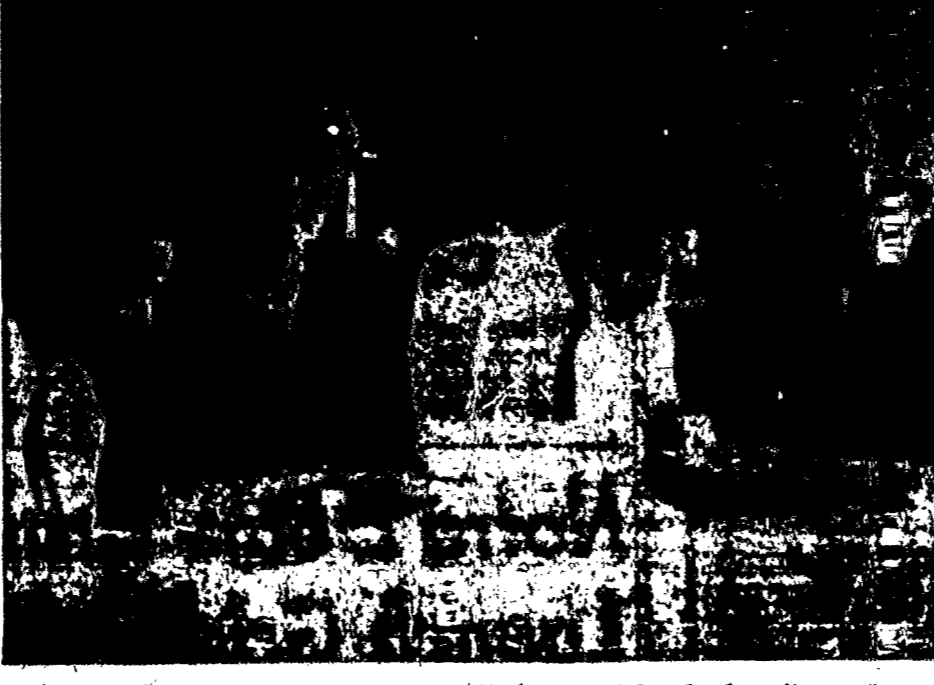
Chartered buses, as announced, will leave the Knights and Ladies of St. John Club, 355 Andrews St., 8 a.m. sharp. All seats are reserved according to Joseph A. Zimmer.

ROUND TRIP is \$7.00 each. No need for a ticket lunch on this trip. Zimmer said. He recalled that the new dining hall at the shrine was dedicated and opened on top of the hill, August 11 to serve 500 diners per hour, cafeteria style.

Memorial gift offerings will be accepted. Reservations are being made with Chairman Zimmer, Rt 2-4058 or John Weismiller, co-chairman, CR 6-7940. The reservations close Oct. 3 at 5 p.m.



Foster parents Mr. and Mrs. Donald Miller of Spencerport share family joy with children whose parents are temporarily unable to care for them.



Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Gerew recall their own high school studies as they help youngsters with homework problems. Gerew home is at 142 College St., Rochester.

A. R. Palermo Heads Drive

It was announced today that Anthony R. Palermo of 230 Canterbury Rd. has been named local chairman of the 1963-1964 Annual Giving Fund Drive for Georgetown University.

THE DRIVE this year coincides with the 175th anniversary of the founding of the Jesuit institution located in Washington, D.C. The goal of the local group for the current year is to raise \$2,500 from the alumni.

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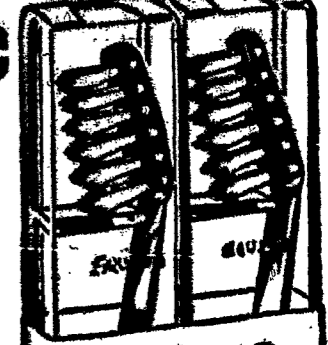
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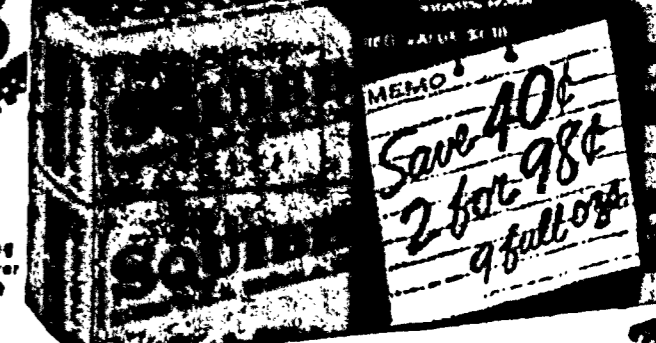


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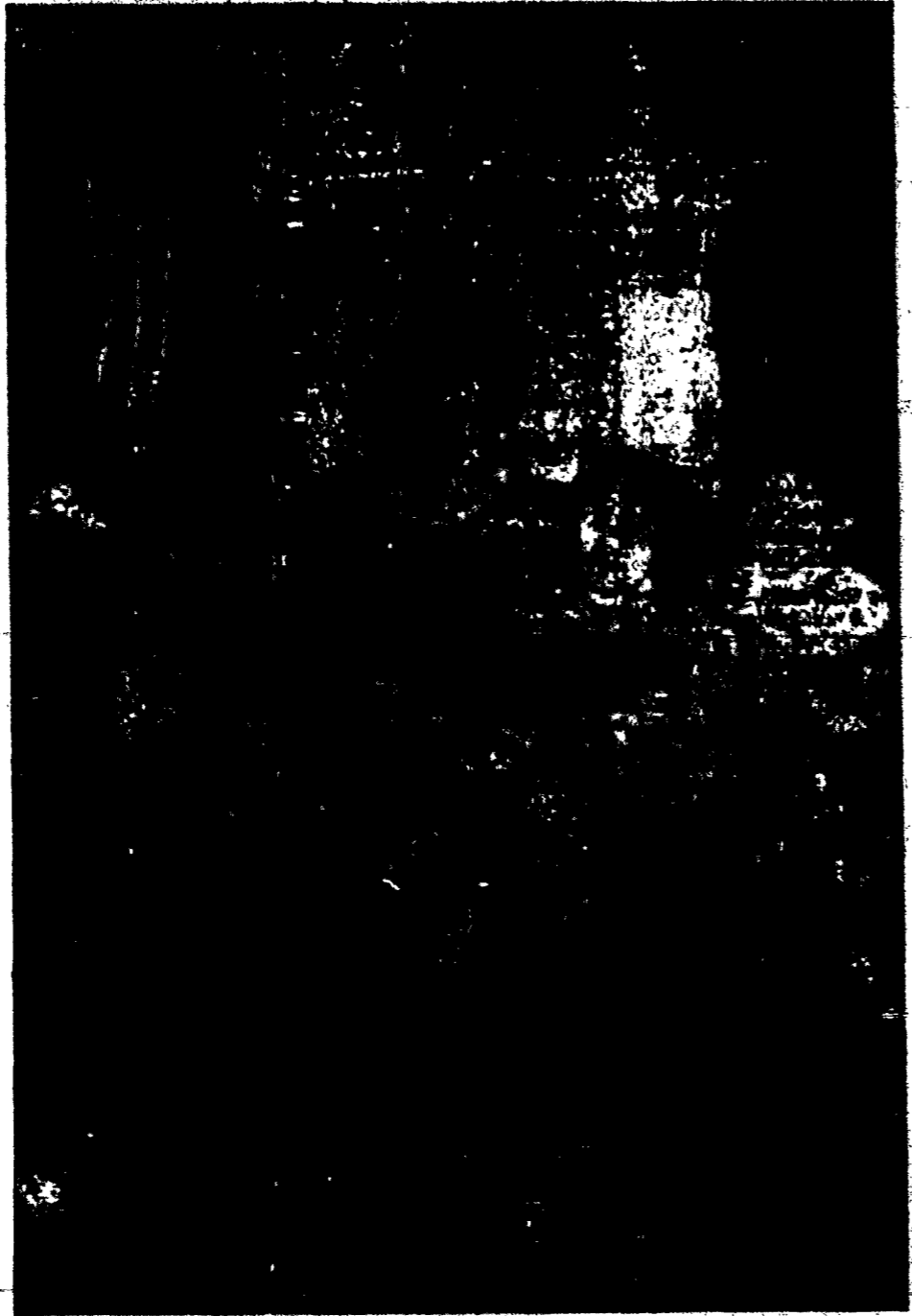
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Keep Traditional Chants Music Experts Ask Rome

Omaha — (AP) — The American Society of St. Cecilia, a group of Roman Catholic musicians, urged here that the Vatican give serious consideration to the continuation of traditional liturgical music as well as contemporary hymn singing.

In a petition to the Council Fathers, the Society asked that the St. Peter's Mass be the norm for congregational participation in liturgical music.

Medieval chant, classical polyphony and modern music it stressed.

Crops Of Blowing Organists, Nine — (NO) — Crops of parishioners of three area churches got the traditional blessing recently — but from the air this time.

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