

# Catholic Family Service: Friend in Need for Many

Elmira—One of the 28 community agencies that will benefit from the current Red Cross Community Chest United Campaign here is the Catholic Family Service.

The United Campaign now being conducted in Chemung County is aiming for \$701,540 to meet the needs of local and national agencies that care for social, medical, advisory and recreational needs of the people of this area.

Catholic Family Service, a Chest agency operating under the direction of the Diocese of Rochester, offers guidance and help to meet a wide diversity of needs.

Father Joseph F. D'Aurizio, A.C.S.W., executive director of Catholic Family Service, is assisted by four professionally trained caseworkers. They render counseling service to individuals and families in the area of marital problems, unwed parenthood, delinquency, parent-child discord, adolescent problems, emotional disturbances, foster care and adoption.

Catholic Family Service last year served 500 different persons or families, 411 of which were in Chemung County. It is located at 214 E. Church St. in the Knights of Columbus building.

Several of the key services of the Catholic agency are described as follows:

### Counseling

Because the emphasis of Catholic Family Service is to keep

## Let's Communicate

Becket Hall,

In my parish I see the pastor and his assistant so involved in coping with the administrative problems and functions of the parish that they find themselves too busy to fulfill the real purpose of the priesthood, to care for the spiritual welfare of the parishioners. When is the parish priest going to become a "priest" and not an administrator?

Bob E.

We agreed that this is indeed a grave problem in our parishes. In many parishes of the diocese the pastors themselves have recognized this problem and have established, on their own, advisory boards to handle the administrative functions of the parish.

This delegating of administrative responsibility to the layman enables the priest to return to his primary purpose for his priesthood, i.e., to be Christ's shepherd for the people of his parish.

A priest must not be shackled in time and energy by the duties which can easily be taken care of by laymen; the priest, if he is to be a "priest," must be a man of God dedicated to his own spiritual well being and that of his parishioners.

Becket Hall,

Why is a seminarian required to take subjects such as algebra and history? Subjects like these don't seem to relate to the priesthood in any way.

Michael O.

Priests, above all, must be well educated in order to be capable of communicating with all of God's people. A person studying merely one subject, such as theology, would be too narrow in his outlook toward the various complex problems facing our society today.

Becket Hall,

I am a student in the fifth grade of a Catholic school. What can I do in my parish to help me become closer to God.

Mitchell C.

We feel that if you frequently and sincerely receive the sacraments that you will find them a help in coming closer to God in your parish. They will help you to imitate the Child Jesus in your family and school life. Your being closer to Jesus will encourage others to likewise come closer to Christ. Thus a more Christian community is formed right in your own parish.

## John Demmert, World War I Vet

Funeral Mass for John M. Demmert was offered by Father Frederick Elsemann in SS. Peter and Paul Church, Rochester, Thursday, Sept. 21. Monsignor Gerald C. Lambert attended. Mr. Demmert of 623 West Main St. died in St. Mary's Hospital, Sept. 18, 1967 after a long illness.

He was a veteran of World War I and served in France with the 309th Field Artillery. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 309 and of the 309th Field Artillery Association.

A native of Rochester, Mr. Demmert was a retired member of the United Auto Workers, Local 1067 and a retiree of Rochester Products Division, General Motors.

He was a member of SS. Peter and Paul's Holy Name Society. Surviving are his wife, Ethel (Daley) Demmert; two sisters, Miss Dolores Demmert of Rochester and Mrs. William (Hilda) Krapf of Sarasota, Florida, several nieces and nephews.

existing families intact, the main approach is to provide counseling services through which people who are having difficulty will be able to understand their problems, face up to their reality, explore possible solutions and meaningfully follow through with their decisions.

Through this process the counselor plays a vital part. He cannot impose his own solutions, for often the client will not accept them. On the other hand he must be skillful enough to direct the client to make decisions that will help him.

Marital problems, child-parent relationship conflicts and individual personality adjustment difficulties comprise much of the work load of the counseling service.

Each individual or family is different, therefore the caseworker must be flexible enough to adapt himself and his approach to the problems. Some-

times the individual interview may be the best technique, other times, especially in some marital situations, it is more fruitful to see the couple together. In recent years the group method has been used successfully because often clients with similar problems feel free to talk about them in a group situation.

### Unwed Parenthood

Each year many young unwed mothers, faced with dilemmas and decisions to be made, find the caseworkers at Catholic Family Service ready to assist them with guidance, sympathetic understanding and practical help. Medical resources and maternity homes are available and adoption plans can be made, if desired. Complete confidence is carefully preserved.

### Adoption

In cases of children for whom parental ties can never be resumed, Catholic Family Service maintains an adoption service

and through it, the adoptive couple and the child who needs the affection of parents, are brought together. Since this is a lifetime arrangement, much care and time is given to the adoption study.

### Placement of Children

Placement of Catholic children is another function of Catholic Family Service. Children, from infancy to teens, are under its care every day in approved foster homes. These children need "homes away from home" because their own parents are unable to give them adequate care due to death, illness or other difficulties within the home. They are not eligible for adoption, however, since one or both parents is living.

Caseworkers and foster boarding parents work together in giving the child needed love and acceptance, looking out for his physical and spiritual well being, his education and training, all pointing to the day when the child will be reunited

with his own family. In the event that foster care is inappropriate, the agency will arrange for special placements, such as hospitals, residential treatment centers and institutional settings for the handicapped.

### Ladies of Charity

Catholic Family Service receives many requests it cannot provide because of lack of finances or personnel. These requests are in the nature of temporary relief, errands for the elderly transportation and many others.

The Ladies of Charity, a well organized and highly motivated

group of volunteers working with Catholic Family Service, are called on to provide these services.

In addition, the Ladies of Charity provide many of the auxiliary services in connection with the agency's program, including transporting children to doctors and clinics, taking newborn infants from out-of-town hospitals to area foster homes and also aiding in secretarial duties.

Operational costs of Catholic Family Service are provided by the Community Chest of Chemung County and by nominal service fees if the client can afford to pay them.



WELCOME TO THE FAMILY! Mr. and Mrs. Edward T. Barone, at right, pose with their newly adopted baby as Mrs. Geraldine Emerson, left, Catholic Family Service adoption worker and 5-year old Patricia Barone look on.



OFFICE PROCEDURE is reviewed by Miss Madeline Sullivan (center) with Miss Janet Belligott, left, secretary and Miss Helen Sheeha, office manager.



FATHER JOSEPH D'AUORIZIO, himself a trained social worker, heads Elmira's Catholic Family Service agency.



COUNSELING is a major work for Miss Patricia Dwyer, one of the Staff members at Catholic Family Service.

## Cursillo Workshop Scheduled For Oct. 19

Priests of the diocese will have the opportunity to study the Cursillo Movement and its relationship to their parishes and the post-Vatican Renewal at a workshop scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 19 at Notre Dame Retreat House.

Heading the discussions will be William Sweeney, Executive Director of the Offices of the National Secretariat for Cursillo. The Workshop, designed to answer the questions of parish priests about how cursillo can assist in parish renewal, has been scheduled at the request of several priests, according to Father Hugh Brady, diocesan director for Cursillo.

The first English Cursillo for men in the Rochester diocese will be conducted Thanksgiving weekend, Nov. 23-26 at McQuaid High School. It will be sponsored by a Cursillo team from Buffalo. Candidates for a Cursillo are men and women recommended because of their leadership potential for bringing the Christian renewal into the market place.

The Priests' Workshop will begin at 11 a.m. and close at 3:30 p.m. It is also open to sisters, laymen and Protestant clergymen.



WILLIAM SWEENEY  
Cursillo Leader

## Mothers Circle Workshop Set

The annual Diocesan Mothers' Circles workshop will feature a panel of four representing a wide range of interest areas for mothers when it takes place at Nazareth Academy this Sunday, Oct. 15 at 7:30 p.m.

Panelists include: Father Edward Dillon of the St. Bernard's

Seminary faculty; Sister Rosalita of the Montessori School; Mrs. James Rains, Parent Group leader and Donald Burke of the DePaul Clinic staff.

Open to any mothers in the area, reservations can be made by calling Mrs. Robert Mulhern, 235-7951. Donation of \$1.00.

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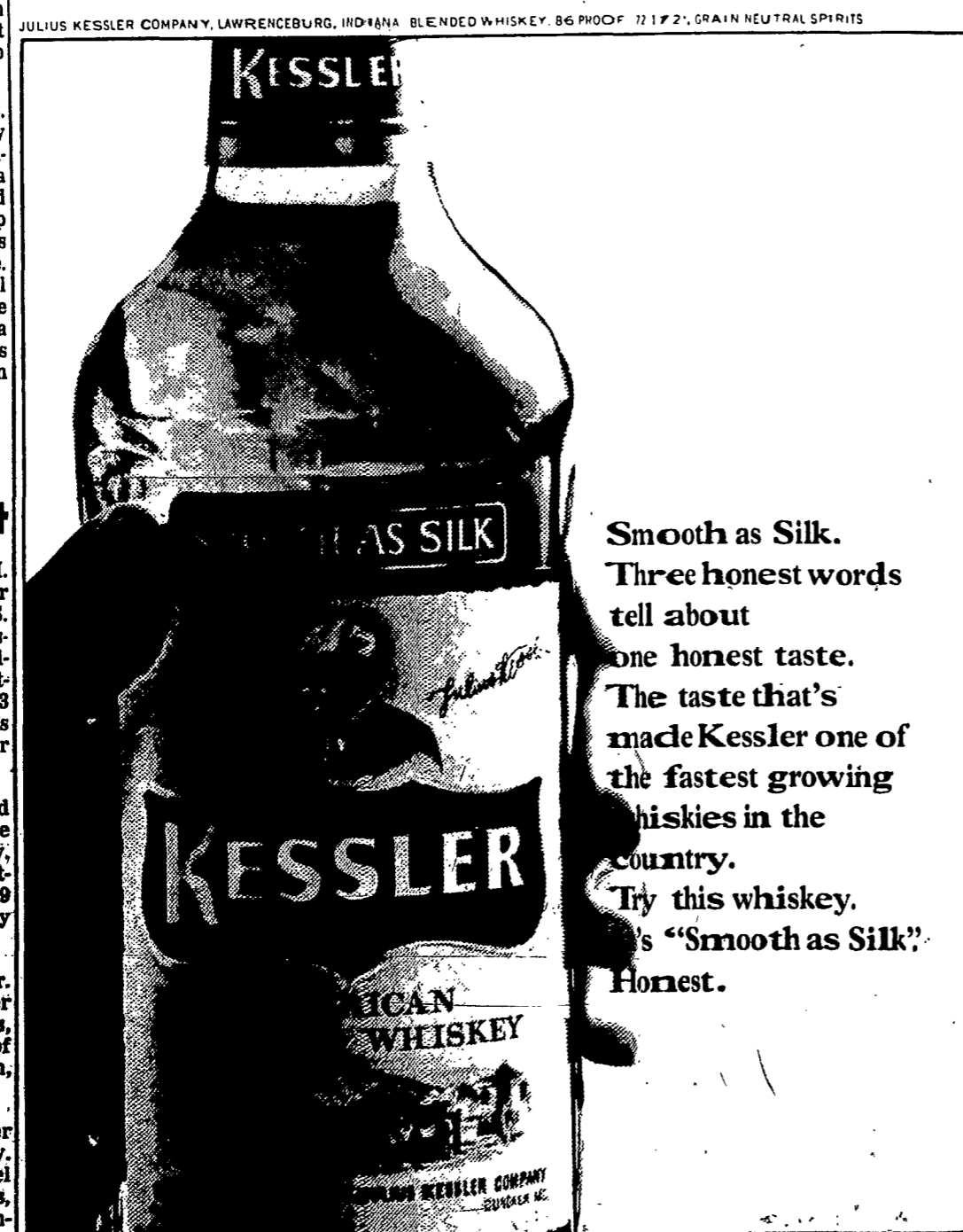


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