

CYO Job Program Gives Inner City Boys a Chance

By MONICA REEVES

Take one inner city boy about 14, and give him a break, maybe the first he's ever had. Give him a chance to pick up a couple of bucks — honestly, by working — putting up screens, cleaning out a garage, mowing the lawn.

Let him know something other than Third Ward street corners, a fatherless home, and restless, itchy feet with nowhere to go.

Give him a chance to break out of the ghetto — peacefully, and although the only immediate result may be a grateful, slightly bemused grin, you just might help avert a little violence, another "hot" summer, maybe lead those itchy feet to something other than trouble a few years hence.

Such is the philosophy of the Catholic Youth Organization inner city job placement program, according to its directors, Mike Ordway and Howie Revans, operating from the Columbus Civic Center.

And just such an approach has made the program a success story from the word "go" issued by Joe Judge and Howard Meath, former CYO officials, five years ago. For now there are 150 boys 14 through

Got some odd jobs that need doing this summer? Why not call Mike Ordway at the CYO, 454-2030, today. He'll be glad to find you a youngster to help out.

16, recruited by inner city agencies, priests and ministers, registered and ready to work when a job request comes in. Ordway predicts that in another week over 200 boys will have signed up.

"In the beginning, we paid the boys ourselves to distribute circulars to prospective employers — just to keep them off the streets and the program going," Revans said. "And things haven't always been as good as they are now. After all, the YMCA and New York State Employment had tried the same set up — without success.

Report—The Key

"But despite off seasons — like the summer of the riots, '64 — when people just plain gave up — the project's grown every year. I'd say that our program has succeeded where others have failed because of the real



Will you give this kid, and others like him, a break this summer...?

rapport established with the boys," he concluded.

The Set-up

The jobs start pouring in in the spring, the pair reported. A form letter goes out to all those who have employed boys from the program in the past. The boys, all carefully screened beforehand, can be hired for a minimum of 3 hours of work at \$1.25 an hour. A supervisor goes out with "first timers" — or if there's a request for two boys, the second is an old pro at the business. After the job is completed, a follow-up letter goes out which asks whether the employer was pleased with the job done, would he hire the boy again, etc.



The CYO Job Placement Program is aimed at keeping kids like these off the streets this summer.

"We also call beforehand to explain any special circumstances that might be involved. Sometimes you have to warn the employers that these kids may not look like suburban youngsters — after all, they don't have the money to wear button-down collar shirts and collegiate sports jackets," Ordway explained.

Nary a Complaint

Thus far, the CYO has never had a complaint about their boys — a great record any way you look at it. "Most of them are good kids — if you give them half a chance. And a lot of them, once they've gotten a break, want to make the best of it. That's why a lot of them end up staying with the CYO — becoming leaders in other projects, using the facilities here," Revans explained.

A great deal of the success of the project can also be attributed to the employers — many of whom are repeats. One Pittsford man who has hired numerous boys throughout the year for many years now, throws a big party for them all at summer's end. Besides their \$1.25 an hour, most people feed the kids at lunch time and pay their bus fares.

Perhaps Mike Ordway summed up the whole situation best when he concluded:

"But it takes a lot more than just these gestures to get through to these kids. You have to remember, they've had rough lives so far.

"Along with the minimum wage must go some maximum love — that's the only thing that's going to make a difference to them in the long run."

And if there's anything this country, heading into another long, hot summer needs, it is a difference.

Bulletins Not Helpful On Finances

This is the last of a series of commentaries on parish bulletins discussing the general features and specific merits of Sunday Bulletins observed in parishes of the diocese.

By Alex MacDonald

A common ingredient in church bulletins is the weekly statistic on Mass attendance and Sunday collection totals. But, despite common criticism that pulpit money-talks are too long, too harsh and too frequent, bulletins studied over the past two months have not been heavy on finances.

Nearly every parish which reports the Sunday offering of the previous week gives figures on attendance as well as the number of church-envelopes users, obviously inviting the parishioners to compute the average gift to the church and to note how much more generous the envelope-users are than those who contribute directly from pocket or purse.

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Old Church to Become Library

By RITA ARMSTRONG

The old Mother of Sorrows Church on Paddy Hill was given a 20-year lease on life this week, with the signing of papers establishing it as the site of a public library for Greece.

The 108-year-old structure, vacated last March, will be remodeled into a 20,000-volume library to serve the Mt. Read-Latta Road neighborhood. Work on the interior is to begin at once. The brick exterior and tower will remain unchanged.

Greece Supervisor George W. Badgerow said the library should be in use by this fall. The auditorium of the church will be converted into reading rooms overlooked by balconies. The cost, including all furniture and fixtures, is estimated at \$125,000, Badgerow said. The 20-year lease to the Town of Greece calls for \$1,200 annual rent.

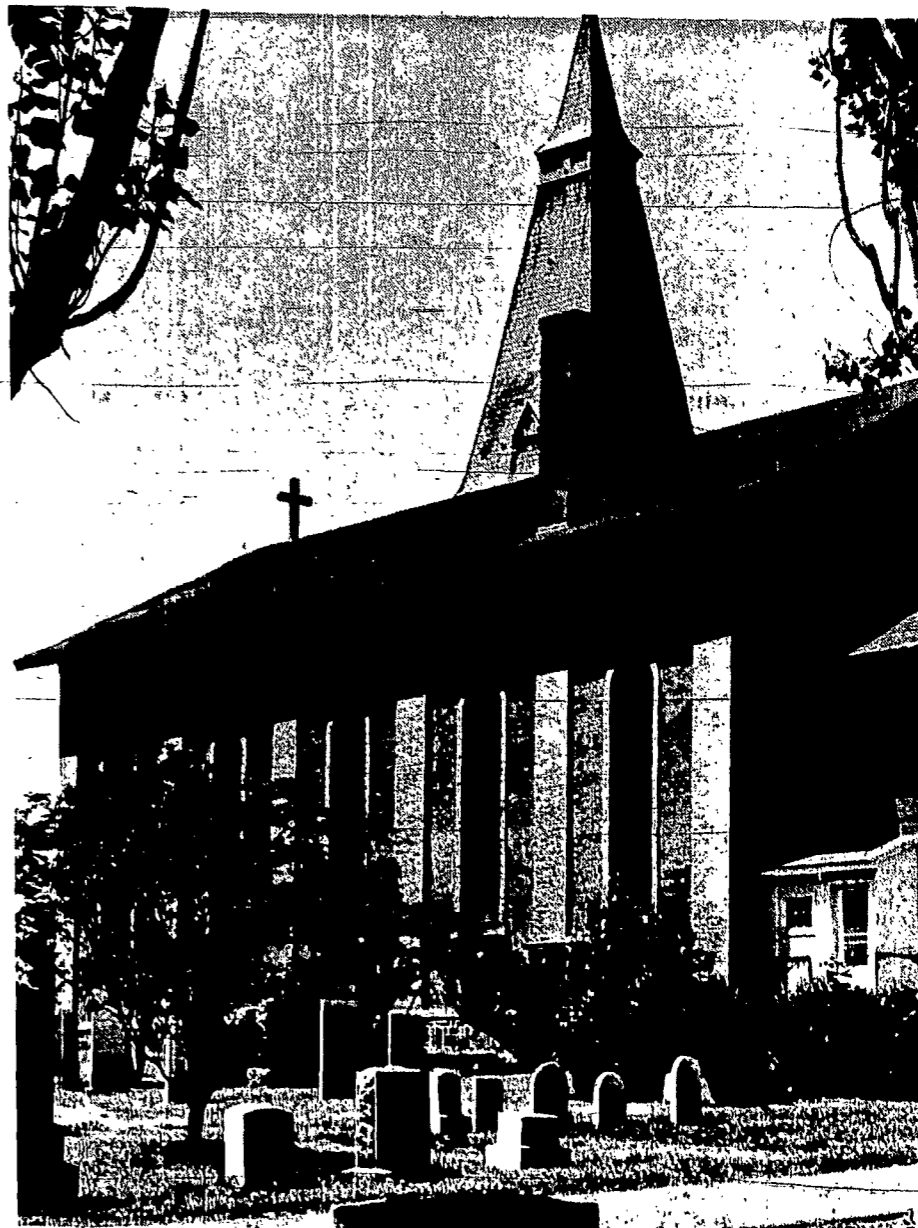
The Mother of Sorrows congregation, grown far beyond the capacity of the old church, moved into a new one nearby on March 17.

Badgerow pointed out that the old church belonged to the first Catholic parish established between Albany and Buffalo, and was a "landmark that should be preserved." The town board decided, he said, that it was "more reasonable to use this structurally sound building than to put up a new library."

The title "Paddy Hill" was given to the Latta Road eminence in the early 1800s when the first pioneers in the area, most of them emigrants from Ireland, made a settlement and organized a parish titled "St. Ambrose" about 1830.

The present church with a new title was put up in 1860 and its tower, a long-familiar mark on the skyline was erected in 1875.

The town-fathers sentimentally favor history while prudently renting good structures for town use: the church on the Greece hilltop has its roots deep in local history.



Old Our Mother of Sorrows Church

... a quiet place to read.

East Side Senior Citizens Hold Meeting

Color slides of the Rose Bowl Parade highlighted this week's meeting of the Prince-Alexander Club, a joint senior citizens group from Corpus Christi Church and the First Reformed Church.

The recently formed club meets every other Wednesday and alter-

nates between churches. Supper meetings, card games, and crafts are in future activities plans.

The group is unusual in its membership, open not only to each of the two churches, but also to any interested senior citizen living in the neighborhood of Main, Prince and

Alexander Sts.

Prince-Alexander Club's sponsorship has come primarily from Marie O'Bierne and Mary Jane Berry from Corpus Christi, and Mrs. Eugene Letter and the Friday Fellowship group from First Reformed Church.



At dinner are, from left, Bishop Hickey, Thomas Grosdonia, and Bishop McCafferty.

Knights Honor 2 Bishops

Rochester's 4th Degree Knights of Columbus presented Life Membership Cards to Auxiliary Bishops Dennis W. Hickey and John E. McCafferty at dinner ceremonies on June 27 at the Party House.

Other features of the festive evening were the annual election of officers and the distribution of Historian Awards to ten graduates of area Catholic high schools who have excelled in American history.

The following Knights were elected to offices in the Assembly for the new term, beginning in September: Faithful Navigator Raymond L. Nary; Faithful Captain, Paul G. Rombaut; Faithful Pilot, Peter Pellitteri, D.D.S.; Faithful Admiral, Thomas J. Grosdonia; Faithful Inside Sentinel, George J. Butts; Faithful Outside Sentinel, John M. Morphy; Faithful Comptroller James O. Stein; Faithful Scribe, Francis R. Attinasi.

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Q. Where can I find the precise words of Our Lord's prediction of His death?

B.K., Webster

A. Christ prophesied His death to His Apostles on three different occasions, foretelling its horrors in some detail. Look up the Gospel of St. Mark, 8/31-33, 9/29-31 and 10/32-34.

Q. How often did Christ appear to His followers during the forty days after His Resurrection?

B.L., Geneva

A. The Gospels describe apparitions in detail:—

a—To Mary Magdalene (John 20/11-18) and the other women who went to the tomb on Easter morning (Math. 28/1-10)

b—To St. Peter (Luke 24/34)

c—To the disciples at Emmaus (Luke 24/13-35)

d—To the Apostles on Easter evening (John 20/19-23)

e—To Thomas, on the eighth day (John 20/24-29)

f—To the Apostles at the lakeside (John 21/3-23)

g—To the disciples in Galilee (Math 28/16-17)

h—To the disciples on Mt. Olivet (Luke 24/50-51)

In another Bible spot, I Corinthians, 15/6, St. Paul says that Christ was seen by more than 500 people at once.

Q. How were the successors of St. Peter as Bishop of Rome distinguished from other Bishops by the early Christians?

A. Chiefly by the title of their Bishopric, Rome as the see of St. Peter was acknowledged to be the supreme center of authority. But because other Bishops of those years were frequently called "Pope," the Bishop of Rome got other titles like "Supreme Pontiff," "Roman Pontiff" and "Bishop of Bishops." It was not until the 4th century reserved for the Bishop of Rome. We know the precise names of the immediate successors of Peter in Rome from a certain St. Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons (France) who in the 2nd century listed 12 successors of St. Peter beginning with Linus, Cletus and Clement down to Eleutherius the 12th Pope.