

9 Families Helped By Bishop Sheen Housing Fund

Nine Rochester inner city families in deplorable living conditions moved to better housing... four other families being processed.

That's the record to date of the Bishop Sheen Housing Foundation, which is performing some near-miracles for large, deprived family units.

The foundation, incorporated more than a year ago following a suggestion made by Bishop Fulton J. Sheen during a Sunday Mass sermon, thus far has received nearly \$35,000 in contributions.

Nearly \$6,000 of this amount came in gifts to the Bishop a month ago at the time of his 50th anniversary of ordination.

The foundation is primarily concerned with helping toward the purchase of homes for families with five or more children, since rentals for these families are "practically non-existent."

Families moved by the foundation carry their own F.I.A.-approved or private mortgage and are responsible for all expenses beyond the initial foundation contribution. Before becoming eligible for foundation assistance, families must give evidence that:

They are in danger of eviction or are living in deplorable surroundings; there are no judgments against them; their income is sufficient to meet expenses; they are reliable and responsible in the management of their households.

Foundation contributions usually run as follows:

For a two-bedroom home—a minimum gift of \$1,000; for a three or four-bedroom home—a

gift ranging between \$2,000 and \$2,800; for a five-bedroom home—a gift ranging between \$3,000 and \$4,500.

Typical of the type of assistance is the following now in process:

Mrs. X, 43, mother of 12 children ranging in age from 22 to 2, and grandmother of two other children; husband died two years ago; total family unit, 15 persons, living in overcrowded, slum conditions, at a monthly rent of \$100.

Foundation contributed \$4,300 toward purchase of a 10-room house, with assumable mortgage of \$5,500, monthly payment being \$67; adding taxes, her monthly payment comes to \$88. Thus she is enabled to improve her environment at no additional monthly expense.

With the aid of welfare and social security, as well as her daughter's weekly contribution to the household, Mrs. X has been able to support the family and remain out of debt. It has been impossible, however, for her to save money to obtain the better housing she so gravely needed.

Handling details for the foundation is Mrs. Jerome C. Cook, 1384 Highland Ave. She noted a need not only for additional contributions to the housing foundation but also for volunteer "home-visitors" to keep in touch with families aided.

Persons interested in further information may telephone Mrs. Cook at 244-2078.

Contributors may make out checks to "Bishop Sheen Housing Fund Inc." and send them to the Pastoral Office, 50 Chestnut St., Rochester, 14604.



Committee chairmen completing plans for annual Seton Ball Nov. 22 for benefit of St. Mary's Hospital, are (from left) Mesdames Charles Maloy, Frederick Blum, Robert Wegman, Peter DeLucia and Raymond LeChase.

Annual Seton Ball Scheduled Nov. 22

Fourteenth annual Seton Ball Nov. 22, in the Flagship Hotel, Rochester. The black tie gala will raise

funds to update and improve the obstetrical department at the hospital. Sgt. Novelli's orchestra will be featured.

Lawyer Heads Alumni Drive

A Rochester attorney will head the annual alumni fund drive of John Fisher College, for which a goal of \$30,000 has been set.

Patrick Pietropaoli of 98 Chestnut Ridge Rd., Chili, a 1960 graduate of the college, is chairman for the drive. He will be assisted by Robert Rossi.

Honorary chairmen for the campaign are James Gullo and William Farone, and Joseph Buccell will serve as associate

member representative. Class chairmen include:

- Andrew Vergo, '55; Robert Schlicker, '56; Richard Freitas, '57; John M. Hofmann, '58; Bernard Kost, '59; Anthony Fiorica, '60; Peter MacAdam, '61; David Kinsky, '62; John F. Miller, '63; Bruce G. Davis, '64; Bernard Lillis Jr., '65; James K. Perry Jr., '66; Paul J. Ryan, '68; Leo C. Flynn, '69.

Cochairmen include the Mesdames Eugene Lang, Donald Falconia, John Dessauer, Edward Klinger, Jerome Lysault, Charles Napier, Gerard Gagnier, Walter Maher, Eugene Valleroy and Paul Brescia.

"On Our Way" Workshop Set

W. H. Sadlier, Inc. in cooperation with the diocesan CCD office will sponsor an "On Our Way" workshop for CCD teachers Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 21-22, from 7:30-10:00 p.m. at the Church of the Holy Spirit, Plank and Scribner Roads, Penfield. Sadlier is the

publisher of the "On Our Way" catechetical series.

Mrs. Eileen Anderson, of the office, will conduct the program. Reservations for the workshop may be made through the CCD office, 454-3650.

CARD PARTY

The Catholic Mission Guild will sponsor a card party Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 22, from 1 until 4, in Sibley's sixth-floor auditorium.

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Auburn United Fund Gets Boost from Bishop Sheen

Auburn—"Our purpose is to gather everyone together... to think and act as one."

This was among opening remarks of Bishop Fulton J. Sheen here Thursday, Oct. 9, at a dinner officially opening the annual campaign of the United Fund of Cayuga County. Campaign goal is \$422,000.

Excerpts from an account of the dinner in the following day's Auburn Citizen-Advertiser.

The world-famous clergyman charmed an enthusiastic audience of nearly 200 as he detailed the need of helping one's neighbors... He was humorous and entertaining, but the serious message was always preva-

lent: "We who can must help those who can't."

in a speech set for a half-hour. "Bishop Sheen synthesized his ideas on motivation of giving. His message was replete with ideas from the Bible and great philosophers... These were some of the Bishop's observations:

"If we hold on to our money and not pour it out, it may make us avaricious. Beauty is a pouring out of one's self and his resources for the glory of God... We should never diminish a person because he is a taker. If we are to be successful we must understand poverty... We can love everybody, but not like everybody. Make your gift as personal as you can. Don't just give, but sacrifice—put love into your gift."

On the way out of the auditorium, these were typical comments: "I'm sure glad I came." "The Bishop still has it!" "We couldn't have had a better speaker"... "His message is bound to make our campaign a big success."

Social Notes

A card party for the benefit of hurricane victims in the Diocese of Natchez-Jackson, Miss., has been scheduled by the Rosary Altar Society of St. Alphonsus Church, Auburn, for 8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 20, in the parish center.

Parishioners of St. Pius X, Van Etten, will put on a smorgasbord from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday in the church hall to raise money for the building fund.

Father John Hempel, diocesan director for human concern, will address the Women's Guild of St. Thomas More Church at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 22.

The Mother's Club of St. Augustine's will sponsor a Halloween buffet dance at 9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, in the school hall. Oct. 22 is the deadline for reservations, with Pat Kuhn, 436-5487, or Cathy Murty, 436-1284. Costumes are optional.

The annual roast beef dinner sponsored by parishioners of St. Joseph's Church, Livonia, is scheduled from 1 to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 19, in the parish hall.

The Rochester Alumnae Association of the Sacred Heart will hold its 64th annual reunion tomorrow, Oct. 18 at a luncheon in Oak Hill Country Club, preceded by Mass at Becket Hall.

The St. Thomas More Club has scheduled a dance for Sunday night, Oct. 19, at the New Dutch Mill, Dewey Avenue at Stone Road.

New members of the Rosary Guild at Christ the King will be received in a church ceremony at 8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 20.

St. Casimir's in Elmira has scheduled a coffee hour at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 21. Father John Mulligan will lead a discussion on "What's the Layman to Do?"

Seton Branch 18 will tour the Nazareth College Arts Center at 11 a.m. tomorrow, Oct. 18, and have lunch at 1 p.m. with Mrs. R. J. Murphy, 300 Bonnie Brae, Brighton. New officers will be elected.

The annual dinner and business meeting of the St. Mary's Hospital Alumnae Association will be held at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 22, in the Bishop Kearney building at the hospital.

The revised diocesan report

card will be explained at the Home-School Association meeting at St. Joseph's, Penfield, at 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 23. Sister M. Boniface, S.S.J., of Nativity School, Brockport, will be guest speaker.

The women of St. Rita's Society, West Webster, will meet at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 21, to hear J. Sheldon Fisher on the history and development of their town. Mrs. Calvin Kellogg is chairman.

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