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Glove House . . . A Dream Come True

Elmira — A dream Norman (Chuck) Jennings had three years ago has reached fruition here involving, among others, a Catholic priest.

Glove House, opened April 6, is a home available to youths between 16 and 21 who are living in either unstable family environments or have no homes at all.

Father Joseph D'Aurizio, administrator and executive director of Catholic Family Services here, is playing an important role in Glove House under an unusual contractual agreement.

"The board of directors of Glove house," explained Father D'Aurizio, "has agreed to purchase 50 per cent of my time from Catholic Charities to administer Glove House. They purchased my services."

"Of course, this was all with the approval of the diocese and the Community Chest," he said.

The priest stressed that Glove House is a completely separate entity from Catholic Charities and pointed out that his new role is another example of Catholic Religious getting involved in public social work.

At an open house the day before the facility was opened officially, Cove Hoover, Glove president and publisher of the Star-Gazette and Sunday Telegram, said that the house at 510 W. Church St. "belongs to the people of this region and not to us."

Also speaking at the open house, Jennings said, "This has

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made me one of the happiest men in the world." He added emotionally, "All I hope to do is to make this a big success and I just want to thank everyone who has helped us."

Six boys constitute the "charter" group of Glovers. In a couple of months there will be 12 according to Father D'Aurizio who is responsible for managerial aspects of the house, including finances.

The priest, who has a master's degree in social work from Boston College, said that eventually the house would have 20 live-ins.

Jennings does not actually reside at the house though he has a room there which he has been using regularly to get things moving.

William Kinney, a teacher at South Side High School, is resident house coordinator and his assistant is Lou Conte.

"There will be no hard and fast rules," Father D'Aurizio said. "We have some broad rules but the boys will play a large part in deciding what the rules will be."

"We will not make this into an institution," he added, "and it is not a detention facility."

Mrs. Daniel T. Claire Sr. is cook and housemother and Mrs. Margaret Bellizia, part-time bookkeeper and secretary.



Norman (Chuck) Jennings shows mural in Glove House dining room.

They're Called 'the Glovers'

"We want the residents of the area to get to know the Glove House for what it is. Some misinformed individuals feel that this is a type of detention home. It is not!"

Glove House President Cove Hoover made this comment, inviting Twin Tier residents to attend a recent open house.

Glove House is for youths between 16 and 21 who either have no homes or are living in unstable family environments.

Located at 510 W. Church St., Elmira, it was once a tourist home. The house has been remodeled with modern up to date appointments.

A new kitchen, with two large stoves and two refrigerators, is at the rear of the home. Sliding wooden doors open into a small dining room. The dining room seats about 25 persons.

The home is like a small castle with stairways leading to the second and third floors.

A living room is across from the administration offices. The offices can be closed off from the rest of the downstairs.

The entire second floor is devoted to sleeping quarters. Two modern bathrooms are located there.

Recreational facilities, including a game room and a reading room, are upstairs.

Most rooms have furniture. A few are empty. Hoover said, "We still need donations consisting of desks, chairs and some single beds. We have a few books, but we do not have any bookcases. I hope that people will donate some of these items to help the Glove House grow."

Behind the home, there is a large garage that has several rooms that could be converted into bedrooms. Property around the home is quite extensive.

Hoover noted that work assignments (cleaning the yard and keeping the house in top shape) will be assigned to the

boys. The youths will be known as "Glovers."

"We expect them to pick up after themselves and to make sure that their bedrooms are clean, just as any family might expect, but we will not burden them with any and all work projects," said Norman (Chuck) Jennings, director of guidance.

Jennings said the aim of Glove House is to make sure those boys who are still in school continue to receive their education. In addition, it will help young men who have finished school to find jobs.

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Father Joseph D'Aurizio and Chuck Jennings, house director, discuss bedroom facilities at Glove House.

6 Pre-Cana Courses Slated in Diocese

Six Pre - Cana Conference courses—a marriage preparation for engaged couples—will begin during the next two months in four diocesan communities.

The four-part discussions, sponsored by the diocesan Marriage and Family Life Apostolate, are slated in Rochester, Auburn, Elmira and Ithaca.

All sessions for the Rochester area will be conducted in St. Francis of Assisi Church Hall, 69 Whitney St. Participants may select any one of three similar conferences scheduled on Sundays — at 3,

5:30 or 8 p.m. Friday conferences are at 8 p.m. The schedule:

Rochester—Sundays, May 3, 17, 24, 31; June 7, 14, 21, 28. Fridays, May 15, 22 and 29 and June 5.

Auburn—May 17, 24 and 31 and June 7, Holy Family Church, 3 p.m.

Elmira—May 17, 20, 24, 27, Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 8 p.m.

Ithaca—June 5, 12, 19, 26, Immaculate Conception Church, 8 p.m.

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