Father Charles Mulligan, director of the Office of Human Development, stops on his way to a meeting to discuss a project with Sister Mary Jane Nelson, RSM., employed part-time to handle visual communication.



Amidst the clutter of the creative and busy Human Development office, secretary Mrs. Phyllis Donahue answers the phone and glances over paperwork.

Human Development...

Text by Barbara Moynehan

The Beatitudes appear in the gospels of both Matthew and Luke. Matthew emphasizes the moral aspect. Blessed are the poor, in the sense of their deep need of God and their patience under persecution, as they await a great reward in heaven.

Luke emphasizes the social aspect as well, stressing those who are poor because they share willingly with others in the Christian community.

The philosophy of the Office of Human Development is in keeping with the gospel according to St. Luke. Its aim is to enable people to achieve material human stability so they can concentrate on their spiritual development.

It realizes the essential need of the poor for selfdetermination and attempts to mobilize a public will to reorder priorities which govern the use of our private and national resources.

Social changes of the past decade have produced a new social awareness in all institutions, from Congress to the Catholic Church.

Congress is realizing that our welfare system is based on erroneous assumptions and consequently is self-defeating. Thus, there is a move toward a new, effective assistance program.

Since Vatican II began in 1963, the Church has been working toward a more effective liturgy, hoping to draw people into the church, to make religion a more viable principle in their lives.

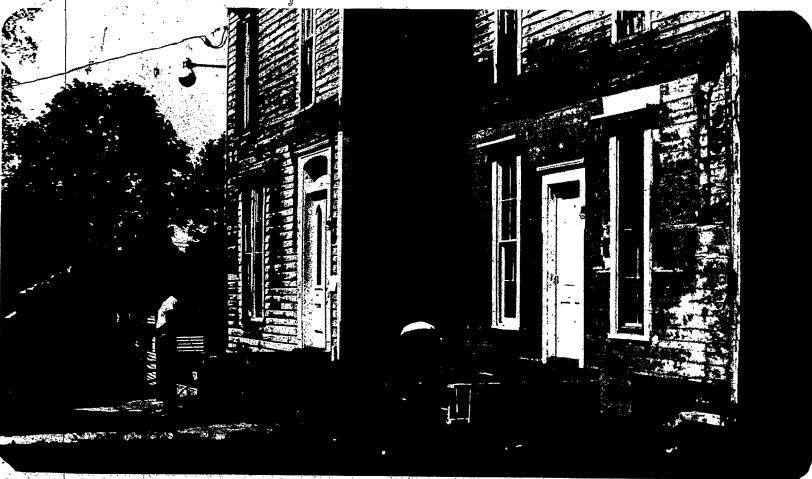
But, in order to do this, the Church has got to prove its sincerity, by showing its awareness and concern for the environment of its people.

Father Charles Mulligan, speaking of the Office of Human Development which he heads, put it this way:

"The way we see ourselves relative to the Church is, you can not have a church in the midst of chaos; it can survive but not with any effect. You have to settle the feelings in the neighborhood for the word of God to take root . . . as in good soil."

The development office emphases are two fold. One program is education, to help Catholics throughout the nation better understand the plight of the economically deprived and to provide an opportunity for the more fortunate to share their material resources with others, in the interest of human development and social justice. ¹

The other area of concentration is the fund-raising program to provide resources at both national and local levels for self-help projects which otherwise might not be possible.



Human Development funds make possible the operation of the Rushville clinic for migrants and the

rural poor. Here the clinic, housed in what used to be a dilapidated home, is shown undergoing renovation.

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