

Catholic Charities Serves People Through the Following Agencies:

St. Anne's Home

St. Joseph's Villa

Catholic Family Center

*Elmira Catholic
Family Center*

*Auburn Catholic
Family Center*

Genesee Settlement House

Charles Settlement House

C.Y.O.

DePaul Clinic

Camp Stella Maris

*St. Elizabeth
Guild*



Rev. Joseph F. D'Aurizio, Director of Catholic Charities

If Christ came into the world to redeem mankind and thereby make all men free, why is there so much suffering, poverty, prejudice — all things that enslave man — so rampant in the world?

Is this a contradiction? Is the preaching of the Cross a contradiction? Scripture says it is!

What is the answer?

Simply stated, the work of redemption and liberation is not over; Christ started it, the Church is continuing it.

The Apostles were the first missionaries of Christ; the present day bishops are their successors. Every bishop must see himself as the replica of Christ, truly recognizing the needs and the problems of his diocese, sincerely compassionate to those needs, and totally dedicated to do something about them.

The office of Catholic Charities, uniting itself with the bishop, has taken upon itself in this diocese, as well as in every diocese in the world, the responsibility to administer to the needs of those people still enslaved.

While it is formalized and structured, yes even perhaps bureaucratic; while it needs to employ the modern methods of industry and finance; nevertheless it is the expression of the genuine concern of the Christian community for those who suffer. Catholic Charities has assumed the mandate to carry out the servant mission of Jesus. All of reality, the joys and sorrows of men, their successes and failures, offer opportunity for meditation — and honest and sincere action. A deep respect for the individual, his dignity, his capacity for self-help, and his freedom and self-determination must characterize all of the Christian's efforts to assist his brother.

The following two pages specify in detail the kind of work that its member and affiliated agencies do every day of the year. The services they give are the concrete expressions of the charity that should exist in the hearts of every Christian.

The office of Catholic Charities cannot assume the responsibility which belongs to the Christian community and to each individual member. It can only coordinate all the services as it works with the diocese, the Community Chest and the community as a whole. Thus every member still retains the right and the duty to be a part of this vital work. If personal involvement is not appropriate, financial contribution is:

"As long as you did it to one of these, My least brethren, you did it unto Me."

Joseph F. D'Aurizio

A Remembrance in Your Will

The agencies of the Catholic Charities increase their services each year. Consequently they will continue to grow to serve more people.

You can take a vital part in this mission by remembering them in your last will and testament.

Consult your attorney or trust officer. The legal title is "Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Rochester," 50 Chestnut Street, Rochester, New York 14604. Telephone 546-7220.