



CATHOLIC CHARITIES IS CARING

The people at Catholic Charities do important things. Things that nobody else will do.

There are eight agencies under Catholic Charities administration, and all provide important social services to the people of the diocese, Catholic and non-Catholic alike. The Community Chest funds many of these helping-hand operations, which shows how valuable they are to the community at large.

What do the agencies do?

Catholic Family Center, one of the biggest agencies in the Chest, has not contented itself with traditional programs like marital and family counseling. Abortion has made the "easy to place" child scarce; Catholic Family

Center has started a successful program to find permanent homes for the "hard to place" child.

The Family Center also provides social workers to help women faced with problem pregnancies who want an alternative to abortion; it has inner city programs which have begun a furniture and clothing project; and it established the first group home for adolescent girls in the area.

The two settlement houses run by Catholic Charities have evolved in different directions. Charles Settlement House, located in an area densely populated with the elderly, has been active in community organization and is starting to help the aged maintain residence with their own homes.

Genesee Settlement House, on the other hand, has become more and more involved in Rochester's inner city programs, and its efforts are less directed at family counseling than those of Charles. It works with federal and state programs to aid youngsters who have problems with Family Court, and it has embarked on a program to start four group homes for adolescents. The House, in addition to its nursery school, already has a day care center.

Children have mental health problems as severe as those of any adult. The DePaul Clinic treats the emotional problems and learning disabilities of children in Catholic schools in Monroe County and referred by other Catholic Charities agencies. The clinic may move in the future to the former Ss. Peter and Paul school to concentrate on the northwest area of the county.

