

The Children Who Wait

Outgoing Sammy

New Year: a time for beginning, for reaching out to grasp a hand stretched in hope.

Meet Sammy.

"Sammy is a friendly, outgoing 9-year-old black child. He enjoys camping, swimming, riding his bike and fishing. He is enthusiastic about sports of all kinds.

"Sammy is a slow learner, but does well in the special education class that he attends. He gets along well with adults and peers.

"He will respond to a warm, loving home."

He is one of the Children Who Wait, one of more than 1000 children in New York State considered by adoption agencies to be "hard to place."

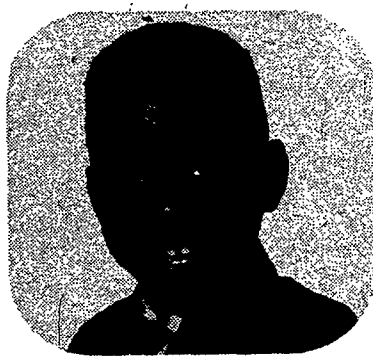
Some children are from minority races, others are mixed racially. Some are sibling groups. Some are older — the age range for The Children Who Wait goes from infancy through early teens. And some are physically, mentally and/or emotionally handicapped.

The one thing they all have in common is the need for an adoptive family.

In years past there was a great emphasis on placing healthy infants in adoptive homes. Today however, a special drive is underway to find loving and secure homes for children like Sammy.

Persons considering adoption of The Children Who Wait should know of the dramatic change in adoptive patterns in recent years. Today both couples with large families and singles are taking these children into their homes.

Children are being placed across religious and racial lines. Financial subsidies are available to ease the burden of adoption. The basic requirement is a loving,



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caring environment that can meet the needs of the children.

For general information about adoption, the following agencies should be contacted:

Catholic Family Center, 546-7200; Monroe County Department of Social Services, 442-4000; Northaven, Inc., 266-4330; the Council of Adoptive Parents (CAP), 288-7989.

For further information about Sammy THE CAP BOOK should be contacted at 436-5070.

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Catholic Family

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however, we do not view present and future events with a jaundiced eye since we discern many contemporary Catholic and Christian families actively supporting one another in their common beliefs and values.

Moreover, great signs of vitality are found in various family and marriage organizations and movements dedicated to enriching family life and strengthening the quality of married relationships.

In addition, there is increasing support to improve the social conditions which unjustly deprive many families of basic economic and cultural rights.

We also discern a desire within the contemporary Church to establish forms of family ministry that will actively assist the beleaguered contemporary Catholic family to be reassured and grow in a deeply Christian and human manner. Working on family and marriage preparation, helping the family to prepare for and celebrate the sacramental events of their lives and deeply educating adults to understand a

mature Christian spirituality and faith commitment within the demands of contemporary living are all clearly discernable tendencies within the Family Life Apostolate.

As we celebrate the 200th birthday of our nation, we call upon American Catholic families, and other religiously sensitive families with whom we share so many ecumenical bonds, to renew the pioneering spirit of our forefathers. We know that it is not simply a question of going back to a point in the past but of actively trusting in the Holy Spirit, working in our lives to creatively discover new programs and patterns for vibrant Christian styles of marriage and family life.

Thus, looking on the family as a positive agent for social progress as well as a vital and dynamic transmitter of Gospel values, so profoundly needed in our world today, we can come to a revitalized understanding of ourselves and our world as we begin the third century of our nation's existence based upon a flourishing sense of married commitment and family values.

AMERICAN REVOLUTION BICENTENNIAL 1776-1976

Your Heritage

Dec. 31, 1873. Birth-date of Alfred Emmanuel Smith, future four-term governor of New York State and presidential candidate. "Al" Smith, of humble Manhattan beginnings but with a genius for government, rose from city political office into State politics.

As governor, he promoted a strong reformist program for the benefit of ordinary citizens. In 1924 his fame was so great that he was proposed as presidential candidate of the Democratic party.

He lost the nomination that year but won it in 1928, the first Catholic to be presented by a major American party. Anti-Catholicism was played up by the opposition. Smith replied in a notable campaign address in Oklahoma City that voters should judge a candidate by his record, not by his faith. He believed in the American Constitution, which advocated "absolute separation of State and Church."

Smith lost the election, not solely for religious reasons. But his very nomination showed how much American anti-Catholicism had declined. — Rochester Diocesan Bicentennial Commission.

Christmas Bonus: Garden Mulch

Christmas tree recycling will take place at 11 locations in the city on Jan. 3. Those taking their trees to be ground up will receive a bag of mulch for the garden, a gift certificate from Agway Garden stores, and a discount coupon from Coca-Cola.

The project is sponsored by the Environmental Task Force of the Rochester Chamber of Commerce. Volunteers at the sites expect to turn 25,000 trees into useful mulch. Trees, and a bag for the mulch, should be taken to one of the following locations between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Jan. 3: Security Trust Company, Thurston Road at Sawyer Street; Silver Stadium, 500 Norton St.; Holleder Stadium, Mt. Read Boulevard; Monroe County Fairgrounds, Calkins Road; Helmer Nature Center, 154 Pinegrove Ave.; Cobbs Hill Park, School #1, 85 Hillside Ave.; Penfield High School, Five Mile Line Road; the Agway Garden stores at 2005 Lyell Ave., 1841 Empire Blvd., 675 Long Pond Rd. and 8053 Pittsford-Victor Rd.



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It's Red Tag Sale Time

We have only two store-wide sales a year; this is one of them. Save on names like Flair, Founders, Thayer-Coggin, Charlton, Ege Rya and Kovacs at Bayles Contemporary. Henredon, Nettle Creek, Drexel, Heritage, Woodmark, Century, Stiffel and Karastan at Bayles Traditional. Sealy at both stores.

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