



Though Fr. Austin's Retiring

It'll Still Be House of Hanna

If you ring a certain telephone number at St. Joseph's Villa you get "House of Hanna!"

That's Father Austin B. Hanna, onetime Army chaplain, answering. Formerly Colonel Hanna, he has been "father" to villa children for 30 years, "and I've loved every minute of it."

Now he's moving down the road a piece, to a place of his own in the Dohr Apartments, "where I can invite people to stay for dinner, put up my relatives when they come to town."

Forty years a priest, Father Hanna is retiring Jan. 1, but not really.

"I'll continue to work for the diocese," he said. "I'll be a trouble-shooter. That means being here or there when he is needed."

Father Hanna has been chaplain at the Villa since he left the Army in

NEW MEETING PLACE

The Divorced Catholics Group of the Northeast Region will move its meeting place next month from St. Paul's in Webster to the Church of the Assumption, Fairport. Beginning Jan. 16, meetings will be held on the first and third Sundays of each month.

1946. He was the first priest from the diocese to sign up, in October, 1940, right after the Selective Service act was passed.

Old newspaper clippings indicate that the late Father Edward J. Waters shared this "first" with him. That is not quite accurate, Father Hanna said. They left together, but "I outranked him by three days," he said. "In fact, I talked him into going."

Another "first" for the first recruit was his assignment in 1942 to the War College in Washington as its first chaplain. In October 1945, two months after the end of World War II, he was assigned to the Veterans Hospital in Canandaigua, the first Catholic priest appointed to the then new Veterans Administration Chaplaincy Corps. In his initial assignment, with the First Division, he was at Fort Ethan Allen in Vermont and Fort Devens, Mass.

Father Hanna attended the diocesan seminaries and was ordained in 1936. He served as assistant pastor of Holy Cross, Rochester, and St. Aloysius, Auburn, before joining the Army.

When he came back, he lived at the family home in Wellington Avenue, taking care of his ailing father, the late Frank Hanna, during the first six years of his Villa job. "So I've lived out here for 24 years,

right on top of the kids, and they on top of me. That's the way I liked it, and I think they did, too."

The home of his own is in the Villa neighborhood. "After all this time," he said, "I couldn't leave Greece."

Help Offered for Families With Iron Curtain Relatives

The Immigration and Refugee Service of the United States Catholic Conference (USCC) is trying to facilitate the reunification of separated families with relatives in Iron Curtain countries.

The Helsinki Declaration, signed in August 1975 by 35 countries, including the U.S., attested to the fact that all people have a basic right of free movement which includes emigration and travel. Unfortunately, although the agreement was signed over a year ago the process of family reunification has not been progressing as easily as had been anticipated. The Immigration and Refugee Service is working with and has been promised the cooperation of various governmental agencies in their endeavor.

Catholic Family Center of Rochester is the local agency involved in Refugee and Reset-

Charities, OHD Directors Named

When Father Charles Mulligan takes over the new Office of Social Ministries next month he will have the assistance of a Catholic Charities director who has made his career in United Way administration and a Human Development director experienced in community organization.

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan announced last week the appointment of Maurice Tierney to succeed Father Joseph D'Aurizio in Charities and of John Salter Jr. to take the place of Father Mulligan at OHD.

Father D'Aurizio will be returning to parish work after 16 years in Charities. He has been diocesan director for the past eight years.

Tierney has been director of resource development for the United Way in Syracuse since 1966. From 1955 until 1968, he served as executive director of United Way fund operations in Fargo, N.D., Asthabula, O., and Evanston, Ill. He has a master's degree in social work from Boston College.

Salter holds a master's in community development, and he has been involved in human rights and community organizational work for nearly 20 years in Arizona, Iowa, Mississippi, North Carolina, Chicago and Seattle. Since 1973, he

has been an assistant professor in the graduate program in urban and regional planning at the University of Iowa, teaching courses in community development, race relations, social policy and urban affairs. He has served also as counselor to the American Indian students at the university.

Bishop Hogan's announcement said that the new umbrella agency would be "responsible for the coordination and support of all social ministry under the aegis of the Catholic Church in the 12-county area." Included are the chaplaincies of prisons and jails, of hospitals and other medical facilities; the Justice and Peace Commission and the Bishop Sheen Housing Foundation.

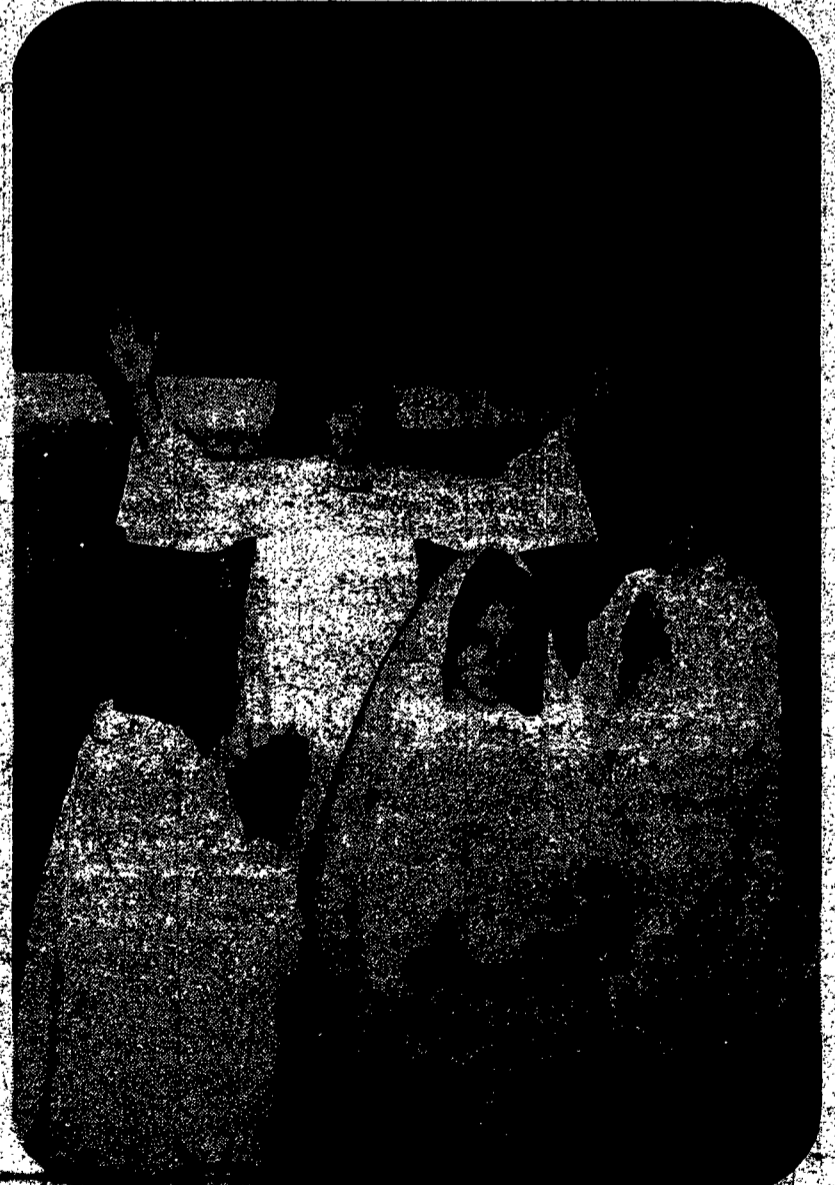
Father Mulligan's office, as of Jan. 3, will be at the Pastoral Center. Charities will remain at 50 Chestnut St. and OHD, at 750 West Main.

The director of the combined ministries has headed OHD for the past five years. He is a native of Rochester, educated in the diocesan seminaries and in Rome, at Harvard and at Cornell. He holds master degrees in theology and in development sociology. He was ordained in Rome in 1964 and has served as assistant pastor at Holy Cross, Rochester, and Sacred Heart, Auburn.

lement work and can assist any separated families in obtaining information regarding the possibility of reunification with family members in Iron Curtain countries. For further information, Angelina Boella (716) 546-7220 should be contacted.



Members of Nazareth Academy Homeroom 301 exhibit the basket of food collected for this year's Christmas Fund. From left: Rose Mayotte, Adela M. Russo, Dawn A. Siplin, Esther T. Sullivan, Sandra Della Porta, teacher, Barbara Kabinke, Anna Altano, Diane...



Performers in the St. Augustine's Christmas Pageant were (from left) Marietta James, Amanda Keller, Amy Adams, and Roseann Hart.

CULTURE

Three perennial favorites are on the year-end entertainment schedule. The Nights in a Burgundy will be the first of the three. The 2011 at Rochester Museum...