

Chest Study:

CYO Services Effective

A United Community Chest evaluation task force, which recently completed an eight-month study of the Catholic Youth Organization, has concluded that the CYO is providing "effective services to the community."

The task force also recommended that UCC continue funding CYO programs and activities. The CYO this year received \$205,950 in Chest monies for fiscal 1978-79, an 8.8 percent increase over last year.

The study revealed that CYO has "responded to changing community needs by attempting to continue some traditional athletic programs, but with a major focus of adding programs of a youth development nature."

A survey of local parishes, agencies, and schools, which was conducted as part of the study, indicated that CYO's present emphasis on developing programs focused on personal growth for youth "is consistent with the types of youth services deemed most needed by the community groups with which it works," the study said.

Survey respondents who said they utilized specific CYO programs stated they were "very satisfied" with them, according to the study.

The task force cited Thomas C. Cotterill, CYO executive director, as having a "thorough knowledge of programs being conducted by the agency and its staff."

Cotterill is "intimately involved in the day-to-day administration of programs, assessment of their effectiveness, and the formulation of new programs," the study said. "He appears to have excellent rapport with staff, other agencies and consumers."

A need to institute a sliding fee schedule for the agency's services was one of the task force's major recommendations. It also recommended that, because of some program changes in recent years due to decreased funding, the agency should attempt to secure and realistically project its long-range funding, from whatever sources, and tailor its programs accordingly. It also should clarify and specify costs of major services provided under Program Services and Inner-City Outreach, the task force stated.

Sr. Kathleen Set to Speak At ND Confab

Sister Kathleen Kircher, SSI, a member of the Office of Family Life Team, this week leads a group of nearly 15 dioceses from several regions, to Notre Dame University for the seventh annual conference for Divorced and Separated Catholics.

Sister Kathleen also is a member of the first Advisory Board for the North American Conference of Separated and Divorced Catholics.

In that capacity, she will address the board on the effectiveness of the diocesan ministry to separated, divorced and remarried Catholics, of which she is the coordinator. The board meets the day prior to the opening of the conference.

The theme of the conference is Renewed in Christ: Divorced Catholics Build New Lives.

She will chair a leadership workshop at Notre Dame entitled Sustaining and Revitalizing Support Groups.



Father Bennett and Father Beatini.

Photo by Terrance J. Brennan

Fiera Mass Planned

As has been the rule of recent years, Rochester's Fiera Italiana, a six-day celebration of Italy, will open with a Mass. This year, Msgr. George Cocuzzi will be the principal concelebrant in the amphitheater in Manhattan Square Park. Planning the Liturgy are Father Joseph Beatini and Rino La Delfa. Organists will be Loretta

Paretta and Paul Gurzetta. JoAnne Hartman will be the soloist.

Bill Mally and Sam Gaglio, this year's Mass will be the last for the fiera in Manhattan Square. Next year's festival will be held on another site.

According to Father Charles Bennett, director of downtown ministry, who is coordinating the festival with

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