

Signs of Holiness in Father Flanagan:

His ministry flowed out of a love for Christ.

He was a man of deep and constant prayer, who urged those who worked with him to pray.

He generated a community of loving concern in those who served youth with him.

His work ran contrary to society's attitudes toward youth in need at the time.

His graced love transformed the lives of over 1400 youth in his time, and continues to transform thousands with equal vitality and validity to this day.

Confronted by both criticism and harsh judgments on the part of his fellow Catholics, he reacted with patience and renewed dedication.

After his death, when the Home was in crisis, his perceived presence was the ultimate guiding norm.

His person and his work have found a responsive echo universally; Boys Town is recognized as an image of Christ's unconditional love.

He was a prophet in his time; recognizing and fearlessly proclaiming his conviction.

He never withdrew from direct ministry to his co-workers and the youth; he retained a humble opinion of himself and was available to all in need of his presence.

He ignored the prejudicial restrictions of his country ministering to all races and confronting racial injustices to his boys.

He did not allow his fragile health to prevent him from full dedication to his work.