
Our program at Boys Town is planned to give the boy enthusiasm for living and to help him keep that enthusiasm at a high point. The idea is to make him feel that he is accepted; to give him chances to enjoy the thrill of success in little things so that he will want to succeed in the more important things, and through religious and educational training to give him something bigger than himself...

—Father Flanagan



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Prayer Leaflet

Year Two — September

From Father Flanagan's prayer for parents

O God, Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, look down with gracious eye on the fathers and mothers of this world. Teach us, Dear Lord, to know and understand the high position which we as parents hold in Your Divine Plan of Creation—the guardianship of Your precious little ones.

Give us Dear Lord, the strength and patience to teach by example and precept our precious children and lead them along the paths of virtues, onward and upward towards You, their loving and All Gracious God. All this we ask through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen

*The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit
that we are children of God,
and if children, then heirs,
heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ,
if only we suffer with him
so that we may also be glorified with him.*

Romans 8.16

From Fr. Flanagan's writings

Boys Town The Home Journal April 1938, Father's Page

Have you ever experienced—and I hope you haven't—the feeling of having to turn away from your door a tiny child who has no place to go, no one to care for and love him, no one to give him the food and shelter he needs, to say nothing of the spiritual guidance and friendship so essential to the building of character and the making of a worthwhile man?

I have had that experience, not once, but more than 650 times in the past year alone! And I can tell you that it is an experience I do not wish to undergo again, although I probably shall have to, time after time.

Boys Town has grown beyond my first dreams for it. And this is due to the unselfish and beautiful backing of its friends throughout America. Boys Town has drawn its youthful citizenry from all states, even from foreign countries, and it used to be a matter of pride with me that, whenever a new boy appeared, no matter how crowded we were, we always managed to say, "There's always room for just one more." That's how Boys Town has grown.

But now, having taken in these extra boys on so many occasions, we have really reached a point where **THERE IS NO ROOM AND WE CANNOT MAKE ROOM FOR THE EXTRA BOYS WHO COME TO OUR DOOR.**

..All boys are worthy of this care, entitled to it. Some of them coming from the juvenile courts, were sorely in need of understanding and consideration, someone to work with them and give them a straighter picture of life as it should be lived. What is to become of these boys? How will they end up? Where will they go? These are questions which all of us will someday be called upon to answer.

Boys Town has grown. But its problems have grown,

also. My sincere hope—and I know that it must be yours, too, my friends—is that someday, in the very near future, Boys Town WILL be large enough to care for all those Homeless boys who come to its doors seeking admission, seeking a new hope, seeking in a small measure the opportunity which all American boys should have as their heritage.

I hope and pray that I shall never again have to turn away from the doors of Boys Town any homeless child...

FATHER FLANAGAN PRAYER

God of mercy, love and compassion, we are grateful that You gave Father Edward Joseph Flanagan special graces to love, protect and guide neglected, vulnerable and oppressed youth. Thank you that the work he began with the foundation of Boys Town, has continued to spread throughout the world. We pray that You inspire many to adopt his caring, loving ways as mentor and protector of youth.

Loving Father, we bring our own needs to you now, asking that through the intercession of Father Flanagan, in accordance with your Holy Will, you grant us these special favors: _____.

Thank You for Your Faithfulness and Providence, and for hearing these petitions which we ask in the Name of Your Son, Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.