

...they are all my boys, my sons. I love them, each and every one and they have proven their worth for not one has failed. Yes, I am proud, proud of my sons as is every father. I give them to society as useful citizens, honored and respected men. May God bless them.

—Father Flanagan, 1937



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Father Edward J. Flanagan
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Prayer Leaflet

Year Three —September

From Father Flanagan's prayer

Continue to bless, Dear Lord, this Home, that Boys Town may continue to carry on its sacred mission of bringing hope and love to the neglected and unloved little ones of the nation.

Elevate the spirit that made Boys Town possible during the past years. Strengthen that spirit that during this most trying year, we may be able with your grace to overcome the hardships and discouragements that always accompany this work.

Make us more worthy and more responsive to Your grace, that the work we do here in Your name and under the special patronage of Your Immaculate Mother, may be more and more acceptable to You—the God of Heaven and Earth, and pleasing to Your Immaculate Mother—Our Patroness and Protectress.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

*He will rescue the poor at their call,
those no one speaks for.
Those no one cares for
he hears and will save,
save their lives from violence,
lives precious in his eyes.*

Psalm 72

The daily program at Boys Town may interest you and I shall try to give you a brief outline of its principal functions...At Boys Town we have a program which keeps every boy active in mind and body every hour of the day. His rising time is 6:15 o'clock and he retires at 8:30 P.M. Every boy attends classes, either grade or high school and carries the regular schedule as planned by the County and State superintendents of education. The teachers are degree men, picked particularly for their scholarship and special ability in understanding the individual boy.

Our program also calls for extra curriculum work in vocal and instrumental music, and every boy is given the opportunity to take up the study of music, if he so desires. This is to help the boy culturally not just to make musicians out of them. Many, of course, because of their special talents for music follow this profession in later years.

Athletics form a very important feature of each days program. Boys must be taught how to play, how to recreate—they are not allowed to just “hang around,” like wall flowers or spectators. They must be inducted into some game where they will utilize their surplus energy and realize the joy and pleasure of active participation in sports competition with their companions. They must know the joy of victory or learn how to accept defeat in the spirit of “may the best team win.” Such recreation helps them to forget themselves, forget their troubles, forget their studies and the sad memories of a life that must be blotted out that it may not shackle or hinder their future progress.

Our athletic program is from 4 to 6 each day, Saturday afternoons and Sundays. It consists of all seasonable games such as football, baseball, basketball, tennis, handball, swimming, hiking, boating on a lake built by the boys themselves, and of course, marbles and tops and any other games that will fit into the scheme of recreation. During the winter months, skiing, coasting, snowballing, indoor games and reading in a well-equipped library fill out the program adequately.

There is a continual check on the boy's health. We have our own little hospital with a competent nurse in attendance at all times. A doctor visits Boys Town every day.

A dentist spends one day each week checking the boys teeth so that every boy is examined on an average of every 60 days. All work on the boy's teeth is done in our fully equipped dental office.

There is no guess work about the health and care of our boys, our rating last year in health and hygiene being 98%. The boys eyes are also examined periodically, and in a recent survey only 17% needed attention as against 25% of eye trouble in our public and parochial schools...

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.