
Now, while you are young, is the time to be true to yourself, boys. You owe it to yourself to live a good, clean life so that you can get all out of life that God intended for you. But it's in your heart as much as in your head—you alone know whether you are doing what is right. Now is the time to cultivate a good moral character—it is a hundred times as easy to plant new good traits as it is to root out bad ones. —Father Flanagan



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Prayer Leaflet

Year Eight—June

Father Flanagan's Prayer :

Bring about, Dear Lord, a spiritual union of all the nations of the world built on the understanding that we are all Your children and You are our Heavenly and Eternal Father.

Teach us all the great dignity of our state in life as children of You, brothers of Your Divine Son, Jesus Christ, nurtured and strengthened by Your Holy Spirit....

All this we ask, and beg of You, in Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen!

*I give thanks to my God always,
remembering you in my prayers, as
I hear of the love and the faith
you have in the Lord Jesus and for
all the holy ones, so that your
partnership in the faith may become
effective in recognizing every good
there is in us that leads to Christ.*

Letter to Philemon 1.4-6

FROM FATHER FLANAGAN

History of Father Flanagan's Boys' Home—article from early edition (1920's) news publication of Father Flanagan's Boys' Home.

Handicapped by a lack of funds, we have been able to the present time to install but three trades—broom-making, shoemaking and baking. I require each of my boys to take up at least one trade for the reasons mentioned in another article in this book. Needless to say everyone of my boys seems to realize that a trade will be a wonderful asset to him in later life and goes into learning it wholeheartedly. A number of my boys are turning into excellent bakers, and only recently on the occasion of the illness of our head baker, two of the apprentice boys took over the oven and turned out bread for the entire home.

After purchasing the farm it was necessary to find some manner of financing the erecting of a building to house the boys. While temporary wooden buildings were all right for a short time, and while the weather was warm, it was imperative that a modern brick building be erected at the earliest possible date.

Upon being informed of our plight, the good people of the city of Omaha, during the fall of 1921, conducted a campaign in our behalf, and succeeded in raising the sum necessary for the completion of our first main building. In april 1922, ground was broken, and the work of excavating for the foundation was begun.

The new building was completed in the fall of the same year, and we began moving in on November 1st. On November 10th our capacity was being taxed, and on November 20th we were again compelled to refuse admission to boys, as the 280 boys then being cared for crowded the new home to its utmost capacity.

Red, pressed brick, around a steel and concrete form, makes the building of the most fireproof type. It is four stories and basement, and while the equipment is very poor owing to our financial condition permitting of none but the most urgent expenditures, yet in time we will complete the furnishing in a style worthy of the building. A heating plant is confined in a separate building, and furnishes heat and hot water for the entire farm. In the power plant building is to be found a modern laundry, where the boys are able to take care of the home's needs. This building also contains our modern built-in bake oven, one of the finest in the state.

Apart from the main building and the power plant are the farm buildings, which consist of a large modern hay and cattle barn, silo, head farmer's

residence, machinery building, cow barn, hog houses, etc. These are all cared for and kept clean by the boys of the home under the supervision of a head farmer.

The farm's live stock consists of ten teams of horses, forty milk cows, a large flock of sheep (in summer only), and numerous hogs, chickens, ducks, etc. We also supplement these from time to time as occasion demands or permits. One of the chief savings which we effect in our meat bill is brought about by our purchasing lean cattle in the stock yards, hauling them to our farm in trucks, fattening them to their utmost capacity, and then slaughtering them.

We also purchase lambs and small sheep in the spring and after a summer of grazing, we drive them back to the stock yards, and their sale shows us a splendid profit.

This is all very well, of course, and helps us to maintain the present home, but how about the hundreds and hundreds of boys whom we are required to turn away from our gates because of our overcrowded condition?

(to be continued in Prayer Leaflet Year Eight—July)

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.**