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Parochial School Health Program

Sponsored by the Catholic Physicians' Guild of Belleville, Illinois, and endowed by an annual grant from the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, a meritorious health program for the benefit of the children in the parochial schools of the Belleville Diocese was inaugurated a year or two ago and has been renewed and expanded for the current year.

Developed in the central administrative office, the program contemplates during the year a complete physical examination of all children who have not yet been so examined since the work began. This includes all first grade pupils and all new admissions in the upper grades. Especial attention is suggested in the care of problem children.

All impairments and defects susceptible of correction or alleviation are to be made the subject of a follow-up service, planned systematically throughout the year, in order that the physical examinations may be fruitful. Inoculation against diphtheria and vaccination against smallpox are specifically emphasized for the entire school population and the immunization of pre-school children against diphtheria is encouraged. A certificate of health from a

physician is required for readmittance of children who have been absent because of illness with a communicable disease. An examination of the teeth of the children and instruction in dental health practice is contemplated, assistance in this work being provided by the State Department of Public Health.

All of the work wherever possible, including the physical examination, immunization against diphtheria and vaccination against smallpox, is done by the family physician, the school officials using their influence in every reasonable way to see that the full program is accomplished. Where it seems impracticable for any good reason to accomplish the work through the services of family physicians, other arrangements are made by the school management to get it done. In short, it is the aim of the administrative officers to see that every child in the parochial schools has the opportunity of benefits offered by a good health protective program.

Record forms are provided and reports on conditions and on achievements are required.— (From the *Illinois Health Messenger*, Oct. 15, 1938.)