

# Childerley's 20 Years Reflected In Lives of Those It Has Touched

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Childerley, a quiet retreat near Wheeling, stands as an example of the Church's lay apostolate in action. Here, hundreds of young men and young women, come for week-ends or single days of spiritual reflection.

Next Sunday (Aug. 13) the Calvert Foundation of Chicago, which operates Childerley, will be hosts at an open house to mark its 20th anniversary.

His Eminence Albert Cardinal Meyer will be present at the affair, which will begin at 3 p.m. and close with Pontifical Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 5 p.m.

ASSISTING the Cardinal as deacon and subdeacon will be two priests who were associated with Childerley earlier in their careers: Msgr. John A. Reed, director of Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, and the Rev. Rollins E. Lambert, assistant director of the Calvert foundation at the University of Chicago.

Music will be directed by Edward Dixon, of the Pius XII society.

The public is invited, it was announced by Johanna Doniat, treasurer of the foundation and volunteer managing director of Childerley during the 20 years of its existence.

Childerley is located about two miles northwest of Wheeling. Motorists are advised to travel Dundee rd. (68) to McHenry rd. (83) then northwest one-quarter mile to Childerley.

Fifty years ago Childerley was part of a farm owned by Frances Crane Lillie of the Crane plumbing family.

On the acreage was a log cabin built by the pioneer settlers which Mrs. Lillie, then an Episcopalian, turned into a meditation chapel.

Private devotions there led to her conversion to the Catholic Faith and later her building of the chapel of St. Francis in the Orchard.

The first Mass was said in 1929 at Childerley.

New interest for Childerley began in 1934 when students and faculty members from the University of Chicago were Mrs. Lillie's guests for a weekend of discussions, meditation and prayer.

Similar weekends followed and in 1941 Mrs. Lillie made a formal gift of Childerley for use of the Calvert club at the university. Its title and operation rests with a group of lay men and women known as the

Calvert Foundation of Chicago.

**Before the days of widows' pensions, the country place was turned over to widows and children of Crane company employees. In this connection the place derives its name—the old English word meaning "children's meadow."**

In the early history of Childerley, Dr. Jerome G. Kerwin, professor of political science emeritus at the University of Chicago, was an enthusiastic leader.

Childerley's influence has grown and it is used regularly by Newman clubs at the University of Illinois, the Illinois Institute of Technology and Northwestern university.

It also is used by Catholic colleges in and around Chicago, as well as Third Order groups—Dominican, Franciscan and Carmelite—the Young Christian Students, Young Christian Workers, Friendship House (Childerley has always been interracial) the Catholic Labor Alliance, Christian Family movement, the Peter Marin men, Thomas More association and other groups.

**Its "alumni" include 23 priests. Others are now in seminaries and monasteries. Many young women have found their vocation to the religious life at Childerley.**

Any weekend one can observe young men and young women and married couples too arriving at Childerley. With them is a chaplain who leads them in a weekend retreat or other conference.

It is a tradition that during all the conferences or retreats silence is observed within 20 feet of the chapel and the Great

Silence is kept from Compline Saturday evening until breakfast Sunday.

The Saturday Mass is a Dialogue Mass and Sunday Mass is always sung.

The Calvert Foundation is not endowed. Its leaders represent many sections of Chicago educational, cultural and business life. Robert L. Berner is its president.

On its board are the Rev. Thomas B. McDonough, chaplain at the University of Chicago, Msgr. Joseph P. Conner-ton, past chaplain, Dr. E. M. Geiling and the following others:

Peter Fitzpatrick, executive vice-president; John P. McGoorty, Jr., vice-president; Mrs. Lorenz F. Koerber, Jr., secretary; Johanna Doniat, treasurer and managing director of Childerley; Marie C. Worland, assistant; Dr. Joseph P. Evans, faculty adviser to Calvert foundation and William O'Meara,

faculty adviser to Catholic students of the University of Chicago.

Also the following trustees: Mrs. Thomas J. Condon, Patrick Crowley, George Fiedler, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Ginger, Mary M. Graham, Edward M. Kerwin, K.S.G., (past president); Mrs. James J. Lewis; Ann Louise Marten, Mrs. George J. Murphy, Robert Reckamp, Mr. and Mrs. Otto F. S. Schilling, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Schlitz, Frank Staab, and William K. Traynor.

Some services that may be needed over a Weekend...for the Staff Director of the Weekend

(copy by phone, copy in staff room)

MEDICAL

General Practic--24 Hour phone service--Dr. Montemayor, Medical Arts Bldg.  
90 E. Dundee Rd., Wheeling-- Le 7-1900

Internal Medicine (heart specialist)--24 hour phone--  
Dr. Alfred Steinman, Wheeling Medical Clinic  
251 E. Dundee Rd., Wheeling Le 7-2400

Eye -- Dr. Carl Garfinkle, 850 W. Dundee Rd (just west of Rt. 83) LE 7-5500

Ear, Nose, Throat - Dr. Phillip Moser (as above)

Fractures and Orthopedics--Dr. Leonard R. Smith( as above)

Dentist--Dr. Rolf Gross, Wheeling Med. Clinic, 537-2527

HOSPITALS

Northwest Community Hospital, 800 West Central, Arlington Heights, Ill. CL 9-1000

Highland Park Hospital, 718 Glenview Ave., Highland Park, Ill. ID 2-8000

Drug Stores

Walgreen Drug Store, 303 E. Dundee Rd., Wheeling--(just west of Milwaukee Ave)  
Le 7-1500

Rexal Drug Store, 865 W. Dundee Rd (just west of Rt 83) -- Le 7-0650  
in Wheeling

FIRE DEPT. LE 7-2121

POLICE Childerley is in an unincorporated area and not under Wheeling Police dept.  
Call Cook County Police GL 8-1000

Mr. Horcher (neighbor to north is Chief of Wheeling polic)--537-2323

NATIONAL FOOD STORE--for all food, they delivery large order before Weekend starts,  
will honor our checks--Mr. Art Savage is manager--Staff Director's first job  
--or job before 9:00 PM on Friday is to take check over the pay for food delivered--  
835 W. Dundee Rd., Wheeling (in shopping center)--turn right just south of Childerley  
run into it.....Le 7-6313 ALL FOOD IS FROM NATIONAL--no special bakery.  
no dairy--at this time. However for emergency food--open until midnight  
7 days a week: Convenient Food Mart, 26 W. Dundee Rd. 537-6536  
Also--for any purchases, if desired, Jewel Tea Co, 291 E. Dundee (just west of Milw)

CARETAKERS and Cleaning --(Neighbors)--To invite them to Mass--esp<sup>ly</sup> Sunday--  
call ahead to let them know time of Mass: Bob and Jerane Pribel, caretakers,  
on the grounds--537-5263 (or tall them)½--Ellie and Syke Horcher--and family--  
537-2323 -- home just north of Chapel.

AUTO REPAIR, TOWING, ETC.--Dan Horcher, Sinclair Service, 18 N. Milwaukee Ave (corner Milw.  
and Dundee\_ Le 7-9743 or 537-0163

COOK --Mrs. A. Pennington, 1161 N. Larrabee Ave, Chicago--Mo 4-3137

FURNACE (emergency--if Caretaker not home--Mr. Horcher, neighbor, might help--also  
repairs done by Maro Heating and Sheetmetal, 116 W. North Shore Drive, Mundelein,  
Ill.--Lo 6-8102 and Lo 6-0341 OIL--emergency--Liberty Oil, VA 7-3158--Acct 776000

PLUMBERS--Sievart and Wenzel, 503 N. Emerson, Mt. Prospect, Ill--Cl 3-2512 (call  
caretaker first-- SEPTIC TANKS--Weidner Sanitary Septic Serv: Cl 3-5302  
BR 10-65

Childerly, 506 McHenry St., Wheeling, W. Va.

Notes taken from the Corporate records

June 13, 1941, Frances Crane Lillie and Frank Lillie donated Childerly to the Calvert Foundation of Chicago, officially,--  
 "to be used for the purpose of rendering moral support and material assistance to the intellectual, social and religious activities of Catholic students and alumni of the University of Chicago".

If the Calvert Foundation shall -- cease to exist, or if said premises shall be used for any other purpose than those hereinbefore set forth, then the properties--shall pass to the Catholic Bishop of Chicago -- to be used for general purposes--.

April 30, 1941, 1st meeting of Calvert Foundation;  
 Mrs. Cummings, Johanna Boniat, Peter Helliker, John Heude, James Lewis, Jerome Herwin and Mrs. Emmet Graham. *Mary Joseph Graham, Sec*

June 18, 1941, by-laws amended to read, "Fifteen members of the Board of Trustees.

"The President, by & with the consent of the Board--shall appoint the managing director of Childerly".

Committees: Finance, Buildings and Grounds

"one third --of the Board shall be Catholic Alumni of U of C".

Johanna Boniat appointed managing director.

Dr. J. Herwin appointed faculty advisor to U. of C. students.

B. & G. Committee; Johanna Boniat, Peter Helliker, Dr. J. Herwin, James Lewis.

Trustees Committee; (To budget for maintenance and raise funds) Mrs Leo Cummings,

Ed Herwin, Mr. Traynor, John McDonough, James Lewis,  
adm. Dr. Meade.

Nov. 12, 1941, Father Connerton is new Chaplain to Cath.  
students at U. of C.

Procedure for expenses--All bills to  
Johanna, approved by Dr. Herwin, & paid  
by J. McDonough.

December, 1941, Mrs. Brennan, Mr. Meegan & Judge McGroarty  
introduced as prospective members.

March 6, 1942, Property value estimate, \$50,000.

Mrs. Enright referred to as member of board.

New furnace needed --means of raising funds--  
decision, a fund raising letter --.

Judge McGroarty & Mrs. Enright appointed  
as members of the Board.

June 2, 1942, A Mr. Robert Meyers referred to as member  
of the Board.

ref. to a fund raising letter being prepared.

July 21, 1942, A Mr. Clark referred to as board member.

Result of fund raising letter, \$130.  
Cost " " " " \$130.  
Lack of success factors analyzed.

June 22, 1943, (Note; time between meetings)  
Robert Sarkin, El Frisbee, Rita McGuane,  
and a Mrs. Wurne referred to as members  
of Board of Trustees.

Mr. Lewis called meeting to order.

Advisory Committee appointed  
Miss Donat, Treasurer; Father Connerton;  
Pres. of College Alumni; Pres. of Calvert  
Club; Pres. of Calvert Foundation  
"Advisory Committee to confer on all  
matters pertaining to Childerly".



Mr. Harold North, Industrial Relations Director of Swift & Co. elected member of Board.

Sept. 30, 1943, A Mr. John Perchbacher referred to as member of Board. Meeting called to order by Mr. Lewis.

Calvert Club raised \$115. for Childerly. \$90. more raised by letters. Childerly in debt \$470. and needed \$1,000.

\$310. pledged by trustees at this meeting.

Decision, hold fund raising card party.

Oct. 21, 1943, Card party committees;

raffle  
door prizes  
table prizes  
Ticket \$1.25

Date for party, Jan. 15, 1944

June 21, 1944, Childerly had some unpaid bills and \$451. in the bank. \$200. given to Fr. Connerton to help defray remodelling debt on the Catholic Center on campus.

Calvert Foundation authorized use of Childerly for retreats and conferences by other groups that are in some way related to the Calvert Club. The treasurer was to use her discretion in making arrangements that would not interfere with Calvert Club schedules.

Oct 17, 1944 A Catherine Selzer referred to as member.

A letter by Mr. Lewis to Fr. Connerton identifies Calvert Club and Calvert Foundation as separate units.

*November*  
~~October~~ 14, 1944, discussion ref. dropping non-acting members and raising funds.

Dr. and Mrs. Lillie in complete agreement to doing other things at Childerly other than Calvert Club retreats.

March 15, 1945 Needs for money and fund raising proposals were discussed. Mr. North said he was impressed with the needs for funds at every meeting.

Mr. Lewis brought up subject of inactive members. Some identified as Mr. Kelleher, Dr. Meade, Mrs. Enright, Mrs. Cummings, and Mrs. McDonough.

April 26, 1945, Purpose of meeting was to act on resignations received. Mr. Traynor, Capt. Peter Kelleher, Mrs. John Enright, resignations accepted.

Board of Trustee Member re-elected:

Judge McGoorty, Judge McDonough, Albert Frisbee, James Lewis, Harold North, Mrs. E. J. Graham, Mrs. Leo Cummings, Mr. Ed Herwin, & Johanna Boniat. (Total 9, authorized 15)

Officers re-elected;

President - James Lewis  
Vice Pres. - Ed Herwin  
Treasurer - Johanna Boniat  
Secretary - Mary S. Graham

Fund raising discussed - Mrs. Lillie gave \$500. for a carpenter bill.

July 30, 1945, Mr. Ed Fiedebohl referred to as member.

Finances; Mr. North raised \$500. from 25 people, Mr. Herwin rec'd. \$1,000 from his brother and \$250 from a few friends. Mr. Lewis raised \$165. Est. operational costs minus spec. expenses, \$2,000.

Archbishop authorized to use the chapel for mass. Has been used for 7 years without.

Oct. 2, 1945 Mrs. Lillie donated one acre of land to Calvert Foundation which it could sell to the Cartwrights.

Nov. 6, 1945, resolution authorizing sale of 1 acre to Cartwrights

- Dec. 4, 1945, \$700. on hand.  
Trustee membership needed to fill vacant positions on the Board.
- Jan. 10, 1946, Mr. Clem Lane, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Smothers, John Phelps, Ernie Watts, Walter Wade, Dr. Quiling referred to as members of the Board.  
  
History of Childerly and Calvert Foundation review. The spiritual help afforded students and professors of U. of C., and the favorable impression Childerly has had on non-Catholics were cited.  
Finance Committee's aim was to collect enough money to run Childerly and to start a fund to finance and make improvements in the future.
- March 26, 1946 Miss Thecla Doniet referred to as member.  
  
Harold North appointed Chairman, Finance Comm.  
  
New radiators & repairs left Childerly \$1,500. in ~~the~~ debt., and another \$1,000. was needed for paint ~~and repairs~~ job. Decision, send letters to previous donors and others.
- April 23, 1946 1st interest off Calvert Foundation endowment, \$6.25.
- June 25, 1946 ~~secretary~~  
Finance Committee raised \$2,794.60.  
  
New Board of Trustees were elected; John Lewis, Ed. Kerwin, Mrs. Leo Cummings, Albert Frisbee, Mrs. Frank Sillie, John McDonough, Judge McGrooty, Rita McGuane, Harold North, Ed Fiedersohl, Mrs. Condon, Dr. Eugene Geiling, & Ernie Watts. Mary S. Graham, Sec.  
  
Officers, James Lewis, Pres., Ed Kerwin-U.P., Johanna Doniat-Treas., Mary Graham, Sec.
- Oct. 7, 1946 Houses need paint, \$423. rec'd. in fees and donations.

Nov. 6, 1946, Calvert Foundation Dinner held in honor of Fr. Conmerton's 5th anniversary as chaplain.

Jan. 14, 1947, New board members needed.

March 11, 1947, 100th conference/<sup>at Childerly</sup> will be on March 28, '47

Repairs to radiators - \$325.

Fund raising means discussed. Rita McGuane appointed chairman, finance committee.

On Jan. 24, 1947, Mrs. Lillie "gave more acres to Childerly". (Initially only 4 8/10 acres)

April 30, 1947, Mr. Fiedler referred to as member.

St. Francis de Sales house is crowded.

Oct. 7, 1947, Over \$3,000. received since April. Houses are being painted by volunteers. Paint was donated.

Nov. 4, 1947 Pat Crowley and a group of men are painting the buildings at Childerly. Fr. Conmerton introduced Fr. McDonough as his new assistant.

March 13, 1948 Dr. Lillie was buried on Nov. 7, 1947. Mrs. Lillie gave \$3,000. and a triangular 1/3rd acre of land with fruit trees to the Calvert Foundation.

Mrs. Lillie is building a room & bath on the solitary cottage which will cost approx. \$3,000. Johanna is retiring from teaching in June

Fund raising solicitations were discussed/

June 16, 1948 Question was raised as to "who were members of the Board" of Trustees

New roofs needed. \$500. in the bank and \$1,000. in govt bonds.



- Oct. 12, 1948 Financial picture not good.
- Jan. 11, 1949, Pat Crowley and James Bulger referred to as members of the board.
- Foundation is \$2,000. in debt and \$5,000. is needed to run Childerly in the coming year.
- Feb. 8, 1949, Need \$2,000. Charge students \$5. plus cost of food, cook, and cleaning houses.
- May 23, 1949, \$963. collected from 487 letters.
- March 2, 1950 Mrs. Lillie donated \$1,000. \$3,500. needed to correct sewage system.  
Treasurer's report - \$732. deficit.  
Various ways of raising funds were discussed.
- May 2, 1950, A reception (?) was planned for Childerly on May 28/
- June 29, 1950 Reception expense \$168. Received \$177.  
Amount needed between \$3 & \$5,000.  
A contract will be made with Mr. McIntosh to construct the water system and septic tanks.  
Mr. Lewis reported receiving a \$500. donation from his father.
- Oct. 24, 1950 Estimate for the water and septic tank systems, \$7,800. \$6,533/ for the septic tanks.  
Authorization was given for a long term loan from a diocesan fund.  
Cardinal Stritch donated \$1,000.. Charles Herwin donated \$2,000. There were 30 conferences at Childerly for the year & there will have been over 200 by Jan. 1. (Total)  
Mr. Brunner & Mr. Fitzpatrick asked to become members of the Board.

- Dec. 7, 1950 Mr. Lewis authorized to request a \$5,000. loan from the Chancery Office.
- Mrs. Lillie donated another \$4,000.
- A letter was sent thanking the Cardinal for the \$5,000. loan.
- Septic tanks are in and Mr Kerwin donated a heater for the pump house.
- April 19, 1950 Alice Carlson referred to as member.
- The septic tanks were installed on the 5 acres Mrs. Lillie donated about 6 years ago. Water is bad, new pump is needed.
- New caretakers are Mr. & Mrs. Grady, (Chicago fireman who works 12 days per month)
- The Sisters of Addolorata Villa have been very cooperative. A Mr. Wolf has given generously to the Villa.
- The Cardinal will be at Childerly on July 15.
- May 8, 1951 Plans made for Cardinal's visit.  
June 14, 1951 " " " " " "
- Aug. 7, 1951 Cardinal's visit reviewed.
- A fund drive was discussed. The note is due. Father Conneron recommended that a professional organization should be hired.
- January 17, 1952, Recognition given for the services of the late Mary Graham.
- Alice Carlson elected new secretary.
- Srene Saml ~~was~~ appointed to the Board of Trustees.
- \$500. on hand, \$5,000. due on the loan and \$2,500 needed to operate.

- Feb. 7, 1952 President authorized to borrow \$1,500 from the Central National Bank.
- April 8, 1952 New furnace for St. Jerome's purchased with loan money. Total note is for \$1,156.50 payable in 36 months.
- Maintenance of Childerly requires \$10,000. this year, which means an \$8,000. deficit.
- Personal contact and other fund raising methods were discussed.
- June 16, 1952 result of fund raising letters-\$750. and a check for \$1,000 had been forwarded with an assurance there was more to come.
- Nov. 6, 1952 Mrs. Chas. Spencer and Lois Carroll referred to as members.
- \$5,000 note due in Dec., \$800. on hand, \$100 in bills expected in a few days. During the evening, attending members gave \$450. \$1,000 to be paid to the Chancery.
- Old painting in the chapel believed to be of the 14th Century, in the period of Giotto.
- Fund raising ways and means were discussed.
- March 23, 1953 Operating funds \$250. in debt. Recommended that annual letter drive begin at once.
- April 22, 1953 Childerly used on 36 weekends in '52, 900 people.
- No cash on hand, owe \$672.
- June 15, 1953 Election of officers, same.
- Spring fund drive results - \$2,000.
- July 19, '53 1st Foundation meeting at Childerly itself.
- New roof needed on St. Jerome, new gutters on St. John, other minor repairs, comes to approx. \$1,500. Have \$600.

Fund raising methods including raffles, and increasing the size of the Board with active members were discussed. No action.

Oct. 3, 1953

Newly formed Junior Trustees also present.

\$459. received from JV raffle. Money to be used for St. Jerome's roof. Siding also needed, est. cost-\$1,000.

royer ginger and other Jr. Trustees are handling JV raffle tickets.

Jan. 5, 1954

Father McDonough and seven members of the Jr. Trustees were in attendance.

Robert Berner won JV raffle and donated the JV to St. Anne's High School. \$3,000 had been raised from the raffle, the roof put on St. Jeromes and \$1,500 in the bank after other bills were paid.

(See copy of resolution dated Jan. 5, 1954 for names of Trustees and Junior Trustees.)

March 11, 1954

Childerly had been used for 322 weekend conferences and meetings. Info to be included in annual May fund raising letters.

Still owe \$5,300 to Chancery.

Mr. Kerwin reported that Columbia, Notre Dame and the Metropolitan Museum agree that the painting is 15th century Flemish. The museum recommended contacting Charles Sterling at the Louvre for a better estimate of value. Mr. Kerwin hopes to meet Sterling in Europe this month.

June 17, 1954

Lorenze Koerber referred to as alternate board member for Margie Dunne Koerber.

Mr. Lewis reported that he had served as President since 1942 and that he could not accept the office again.



Officers elected;  
 Pres.- Ed Herwin  
 Ex. V.P.- Robert Berner  
 V.P.- Peter Fitzpatrick  
 Treas.- Johanna Doniat  
 Sec.- Alice Carlson Robison

\$800 in the bank, all bills paid except the loan.

Motion carried to appoint an executive committee to operate as needed between board meetings.

Oct. 13, 1954

New Trustees Don Herr, Thomas Hivlum, John McGoorty Jr., and John Meade.

Operating Committee members Mr. & Mrs. Roger Ginger, Joan Somergan, & Marie Worland.

The Executive Committee consist of the officers and had held one meeting.

Annual operating costs, \$6 to \$7,000, \$4,000 of which has to be raised by fund raising means.

Feb. 28, 1955

Structural problems in buildings at Childerly.

TB raffle netted \$3,044.

\$1,000 in the bank, owe Chancery \$3,500.

Fund raising suggestions referred to the Executive Committee.

June 2, 1955

Change in structure; Alice Robison Corresponding Secretary, Lois Carroll Recording Secretary.

For the 1st time more money was rec'd. than spent for operations. \$7,296 vs \$6,899. Present fund raising goal, \$4,000.

\$1,300 siding job approved.

Oct. 13, 1955

Funds donated in lieu of flowers at the death of Thelca Soniat to be used to build a stone walk at Childerly; the walk to be known as St. Thelca's Way.

Needs; new stove, new vestments, paint, and inspection of grounds and buildings.

"The Chapel paintings had been described by an expert as among the most primitives in the United States".

Trustees Geo. Fiedler, Thomas Kivlan, and Mrs. Lorenze Hoebert appointed as building and grounds committee, with authority to determine what is to be done and arrange to have it done.

\$2,500 in the bank will be used for building needs.

May 18, 1956

Plans made for Cardinal's visit July 1.

New fund drive discussed

New bell ringing devise in basement of chapel.

Jan 15, 1957

Dr. Evans added to board of Trustees

Cardinal's remarks ref. the old chapel and the old icon and black altar in it; "we must always have Bethlelem".

Mr. Herwin resigned as Pres. but not as trustee. and moved for the election of robt. Berner as Pres. and John Mcgoorty-V.P.

May 2, 1957

\$2,700 in the bank, owe the Cardinal \$3,000.

Grady, Caretaker responsibilities, watch fires, put up storm windows, and cut the grass for free rent. Pay own light and heat. Beyond specific duties, they get paid by the hour, Johanna thought about \$10.00 per week.

Average operational cost is about \$7,000 per year plus as unexpected major expense every year or two.

- July 11, 1957 Remodling in St. Joans for Johanna completed. Johanna introduced Marie Worland to the Cardinal as her possible successor.  
Fund raising averages, \$5,000 per year by trustee efforts, \$3,000 for hostel fees.
- November, 1957 Fr. Mc Donough  
Father Lambert/referred to as present for the Calvert Foundation meeting, with others previously identified as members.  
\$3,700 raised via fund drive, still have \$2,000 in the bank. Question, "should we pay anything on the \$3,000 still owed the Cardinal"? \$500 plus \$45 interest paid to the Cardinal.  
After brush fire, found St. Joans not insured.  
General agreement to let extra-diocesan groups use Childerly.  
(Also, re finances, \$5,000 expected from Mrs. Lillies will.)
- March 1, 1958 Mrs. Lillie died in February, left \$5,000 to the Calvert Foundation.  
\$900 in treasury, owe same amount, plus \$2,500 to the Chancery. Decision, personal fund raising letters remain the most effective means of raising funds.
- Sept. 17, 1958 Mike Schultz, Loyola history professor, is writing a history of Childerly.  
Only \$1,600 raised for the year so far, total. repairs and maintenance in serious need. Member suggested that the board be cleaned of non-fund raisers!!!
- Feb. 19, 1959 Johanna, "525 occasions" at Childerly to date.  
Need for fund raising discussed.

- May 20, 1959 Mike & Barbara schultz, Mr. & Mrs Otto Stilling, and Mr. Um. Traynor referred to as new trustees.
- Johanna said that Roy Grady died. The new caretakers are Mr. & Mrs Al Fiskus.
- Housing development (Colonial Apts.) being built next to Childerly. Description by Johanna, "a slum in embryo". Geo. Fiedler, "It is our duty now---to hold our ten acres as an 'enclave for the Church'".
- Mr. Berner, "-- it's our job to raise money and Childerly is, as usual, broke."
- Nov. 4, 1959 Jean Matres referred to as member.
- Ref. made to rezoning of adjacent properties.
- Mr. Berner said we need \$2,000 by Jan. 1.
- March 24, 1960 Johanna, "-- deed to Cartwright property-- includes--when it is sold, it must first be offered to the Calvert Foundation."
- Have \$500, owe \$800 plus \$2,500 to the Cardinal.
- October 29, 1960 Rosemary Seebaur & Ann Martin referred to as members. Sam Herr resigned.
- Mr. Berner--more activity needed in raising funds.
- March 20, 1961 Frank Staab referred to as member.
- Mr. Berner--need funds--owe \$1,000, have \$200.
- 'Father McDonough, the new chaplain, the perfect man for the job.'
- Jerome Herwin retired.



August 12, 1961 "Directors present and participating--"  
 Fr. Tom McDonough, Robt. Berner, John  
 McCarty Jr., Johanna Boniet, Marie  
 Worland, Dr. J. Evans, Mrs. J. Condon,  
 Patrick Crowley, Geo. Fiedler, Mr. & Mrs.  
 Roger Ginger, Mary M. Graham, Ed Herwin,  
 Mr. & Mrs. James J. Lewis, Ann Marten,  
 Mrs. Geo. Murphy, Robert Stekamp,  
 Mr. & Mrs. Otto Schilling, Frank Staab,  
 Total-21

Calvert Foundation rec'd 10 shares of  
 common stock of E.J. Brach & Co. sale  
 of same authorized.

June 4, 1961  
 (Note above) Cardinal agreed to visit Childerly Aug. 12.  
 Plans firmed up.

Oct. 24, 1961 Mrs. Lynn Williams referred to as member.  
 \$5,000 rec'd from Lewis Foundation.  
 The Shillings left Chgo. for Purdue.  
New caretakers hired, \$1,300 spent to  
 enlarge kitchen and put bath on 2nd floor  
 for them.  
 Fr. Lambert welcomed as asst. chaplain.

Note!!!!!! (Info. ref purchasing U. of C. land, for the  
 erection of a Calvert Institute, and suggested  
 use of Childerly as collateral.)

May 24, 1962 Dr. Percy Julian gave \$700 to repair chapel  
 wall. \$1435 obtained in contributions,  
 monies (i) rec'd from Lewis Foundation.  
 Caretakers, Mr. & Mrs. Pribel thanked for  
 their assistance & aid.

Sept. 23, 1962 \$1,000 left from Lewis, \$1,000 raised  
 by trustees, improvements and repairs  
 needed.

July 15, 1963 Gertrude Sutton, Mr. & Mrs. Syke Horcher,  
 and Mr. & Mrs. Robert Pribel --assumed  
 elected to the board--unless we have some  
 objection.  
 "--we have to raise money--".

Jan. 26, 1965

Betty Plank referred to as trustee member.

"Mr. McDonough said that he, Bob Berner, and Geo. Biedler had had the (Childerly) property appraised with the thought that Childerly might be sold and another center built closer to the city. The appraisal was roughly \$50,000 for the 10 acres. Since this amount was considered inadequate, the idea was rejected."

Wife of the caretaker is no longer cleaning Childerly, Betty Plank was designated Managing Director.

# calvert house

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## ITEMS AT CHILDERLEY

*- Items Left*

- Many books
- 3 double beds
- 27 single beds
- 15 cots
- 1 rollaway bed
- 1 dresser with marble top
- 2 bureaus with attached mirror
- 11 chests of drawers
- 2 bureaus
- 1 bureau with cone front
- 5 metal folding chairs
- 7 wooden folding chairs
- ✓ X 11 (17?) wicker chairs
- 5 rope chairs
- 26 eating chairs
- 13 wooden chairs
- 25 chapel chairs
- 3 wooden arm chairs
- 3 upholstered chairs
- ✓ X 4 matching wooden arm chairs
- 1 red loveseat
- 1 couch
- 4 kitchen chairs
- 1 upholstered rocking chair
- 1 wooden rocker
- 7 X 4 floor lamps
- X 6 table lamps
- 4 night stands
- 2 hallway tables
- 2 drop-leaf tables
- 1 kitchen table
- 1 large wooden work table
- 4 indoor eating tables
- 3 small tables
- ✓ X 1 picnic table
- ✓ X 1 round dining room table with 5 leaves, 9 matching chairs,  
and matching buffet
- 1 utility table on wheels
- 1 small metal storage cabinet
- 5 book cases
- 1 desk with attached bookcase
- 4 wooden desks
- 1 wooden buffet
- 1 two-drawer gray steel file cabinet
- ✓ X 1 cedar hope-chest
- 1 wooden cabinet
- 1 storage chest
- 1 step-stool
- 2 stoves (one gas, one electric)
- 3 refrigerators (Signature, Admiral, Philco)
- 1 refrigerator on porch

# calvert house

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- assorted kitchen dishes and utensils
- 3 toasters
- ✓ X 3 large electric coffee pots
- 1 electric (portable) fan
- assorted pots, pans, baking dishes
- 1 bed frame
- ✓ X various linens
- 3 mirrors
- ✓ X 1 fireplace screen and andirons
- 1 picture "Our Lady in her Garden"
- 1 picture "Crown of Thorns"
- 4 framed pictures
- several prints
- ✓ X 1 large picture (map) of Holy Land in chapel
- ✓ X 1 painting of Christ by Shumaker in chapel
- 1 print "Adoration of the Mage"
- 3 small framed pictures
- 3 framed farm pictures
- 1 framed St. Francis of Assisi
- 1 picture "Our Lady of the Orchard"
- 1 framed Last Supper
- 1 framed face of Christ
- 1 framed still life by Buffet
- ✓ 1 framed picture of St. Jerome (a print) by ElGreco
- various photographs
- 1 round wooden plaque of Our Lady
- 1 plaster "Death of St. Joseph"
- 1 St. Francis banner
- 1 round plaster plaque
- 1 statue (plaster) of two figures
- 1 porcelain statue of St. Alphonsus
- 1 head of Jesus in plaster
- series of large framed pictures in attic
- 1 statue of St. Martin de Porres
- 1 plaster statue
- 3 pews
- 12-14 priedieux (kneelers)
- 3 crucifixes (1 plain, 1 orthodox, 1 small red)
- 2 wooden altars with altar stones
- 1 tabernacle
- 1 lectern
- 1 altar
- 1 pulpit
- 1 banner
- 1 sacramentary
- 1 set of vestments of each color
- various sacristy utensils
- ✓ 1 small pump organ
- 3 wooden candlesticks
- 2 wooden flower stands
- 1 wooden statue stand
- 1 trunk of Walter Klockman's personal belongings

✓ ( 2 half ... )  
In Garage

Grinder

Saw

Mower, International

Harvester

Chain saw

Vise

Various tools and maintenance

Items

Water pump

Wood Lathe



From little brown notebook

Summer 1927 at Woods Hole

Our religion is like a vine whose roots stretch backward into the Semitic lands, perhaps farther eastward than that.

As this strange and alien thing grew across mesopotamia and the Mediterranean, over the Roman Empire to its farthest reaches, every one with the instincts of a gardiner took an interest in it, an amazing interest.

They began to tend it and to experiment with it.

Some of the experiments aided the vine in its growth, some deformed and injured it.

These gardeners looked about them, and found native vines that grafted well on to their eastern relative.

Any graft too alien of course died.

~~Everybody~~ Even today there are gardeners at work, some aiding some injuring.

Easter 1928

When I entered the Church it was as Baron v Hügel describes on p. 39 of his letters to me "the attraction of the Beloved Community, the world wide congregation of believers" especially the simple unselfconscious believers, but lately over their bowed heads, or lifted heads, way off, in the apse of an imaginary Cathedral I sometimes see detaching itself the figure of Christ, the background of their hopes, their faith, the greatest figure mankind has ever imagined.

The most fruitful idea mankind has ever had is that He is God.

May 2, 1928

Final profession in the Third Order of St. Francis in the Chapel of St. Francis Wheeling Illinois. Margaret was there, Miss Starr and Mrs. Port and little Virginia Port Haben.

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### On Poverty and Abstinence

People are sometimes scandalized when they see others who have undertaken the life of poverty and abstinence indulging in the good things of this world.

Perhaps, except for the exceptionally gifted people, an all around practice of poverty and abstinence is impossible.

The important thing is that they should practice in simplicity what they do practice.

That is where the judgment should be applied. Hypocrisy is the worst side of such things, openness and simplicity the best side.

October, 1928

Uncle James grows frailer and often appears to feel a painful weakness. His patience with it, all, and with his increasing loss of sight and hearing is extraordinary for one whose intellect is so alive! He is wonderfully sympathetic with E. A., she is at the University hospital with jaundice, her every discomfort troubles him greatly! He discusses her lovely traits!

Quotation from Uncle James: "It's (religion's very essence is outside the sphere of controversy."

April 1929

The other day I said to Father, "Did you ever realize that the Catholic Church is governed and directed largely by elderly gentlemen?"

"Yes," he replied, "and rightly because it is only in old age that one knows the difference between temporal and eternal things."

"A beautiful and wise saying," Uncle Ralph commented.

Every age has its sufferings and fears as well as its joys and insights. Catherine's screaming tiny boy! The way one handles

oneself in one age indicates how one will handle oneself in succeeding ages.

June 14, 1929, Catherine's birthday.

June 13, " E. A. R. L.'s graduation day

In 1920 I thought I paid a very large price for a casket of old jewels.

"There must be all kinds of junk in this casket," thought I.

Just the same I had to promise not to throw any thing away and to cherish it all.

The longer I live and the more I search over my casket, the more jewels I find and the less junk. Now I know I have paid very little for my casket, very little indeed.

Oct. 12. Funeral of Angela Starr, a young mother who died when her baby was born.

Be not afraid of being afraid of God.

The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom.

To be afraid of God is a little price to pay for wisdom.

Wisdom is threading our way in this mysterious world full of so many baffled and sad people and gay and happy ones too!

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By ROBERT O'KEEFE, O.S.M.

**LAY-FOLKS' RETREAT** • On a recent Friday night, a car driven by one of the staff members of the retreat house pulled up in front of our Monastery to pick up a somewhat reluctant retreatmaster, and headed for the country. After backtracking to Loyola University to pick up two more retreat-bound students, we were on our way to Childerly, a ten-acre farm near Wheeling, Illinois, owned and operated by lay people solely for the purpose of providing retreats for lay people. The setting is rustic, but not primitive.

**APPLES AND ATMOSPHERE** • An old apple orchard provides an appropriately rural backdrop for two sturdy three story houses and a small red brick chapel. Together the orchard, the acres, the houses, and the chapel add up to an ideal place for work, prayer and rest. Anything that smacks of the institutional is happily missing. Happily no one thought of cutting down the trees to build larger, newer, more elegant facilities, even if the resources were available. As always, poverty was the best friend of the spirit.

**FOUNDED BY LAY PEOPLE** • Not a religious order, but a group of laymen from the University of Chicago, under the leadership of Professor Jerome Kerwin founded the retreat house at Childerly, at the invitation and encouragement of Mrs. Frank Lillie, original owner of the property. Here Professor Kerwin gathered Catholic students of the University for their first conferences, back in the depression years of the thirties. The Calvert Foundation, a Catholic student-faculty organization (they have nothing to do with the distillers of the same name) still holds title to Childerly and operates it.

**INFORMAL FORMATION** • Of course the retreat conferences are usually given by priests, but they are given in the informal atmosphere of St. Joan's house, the large living-room on the main floor of the women's house, where the retreatants relax in comfortable easy chairs and even smoke if they wish. The day begins with *Prime*, the morning prayer of the church, recited in English, and then dialogue or sung Mass starts the spiritual program off in high gear. Miss Johanna Doniat, guiding spirit of Childerly for many years, is proud of the record of converts to the faith, religious vocations and vocations to the priesthood that have come out of Childerly. But mostly she's proud of the hundreds of dynamic Catholic laymen and women who have found spiritual guidance and formation in the truly lay-directed and orientated atmosphere of Childerly.



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