

STATE OF MINNESOTA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

A Proclamation for "Catholic Rural Life Week"

WHEREAS, God, in His providence, has endowed mankind with the ability to wrest His sustenance from the soil and has given to Minnesota some of the richest and most productive soil in the world; and

WHEREAS, farming involves rural living and if, in the face of strong trends toward a greater concentration of population in urban areas, the family farm is to be preserved in all its vigor, the people of today must understand that its preservation offers them not only opportunity but challenge; and

WHEREAS, the need for a strong rural youth with a spiritually-activated sense of values is imperative to the progress and growth of our domestic way of life; and

WHEREAS, each year the National Catholic Rural Life Conference, through its sponsorship of Catholic Rural Life Week, stresses those values and the spiritual and material opportunities that exist for country living in America, as well as the need for family progress, soil and water conservation, and farm-grounds beautification; and

WHEREAS, this year Catholic Rural Life Week is putting emphasis on youth with the theme, "Rural Youth - For God, Home and Country;"

I, WINSTON E. BRVILLE L. HANSEN, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of March 16 - 22, 1958 as

CATHOLIC RURAL LIFE WEEK

and ask all citizens to join in this observance which points up the contributions made to our lives by the family farm and the necessity of working to preserve it.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this twenty-seventh day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-eight and of the State, the one hundredth.

*Winston E. Brville*  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

*Joseph L. Donovan*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

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