

VERTICAL FILE

*Brotherhood of St
Laurence.*

The Rev. G. K. Tucker, and the Brotherhood of St. Laurence.

**Gerard Kennedy Tucker, born Melbourne, 1885, son of
Canon Tucker, of Christ Church, South Yarra.**

- educated at Melbourne Church of England Grammar School
- ordained in 1914
- served as private and Chaplain in A.I.F. 1915-1919
- Priest in charge and then Rector of Adamstown, Diocese of Newcastle, 1920-33.
- with Rev. G. Cox and Michael Clarke founded Brotherhood of St. Laurence at Adamstown in 1930
- B.S.L. transferred to Melbourne in 1933
- 1934 first hostel for unemployed men opened in Fitzroy
- 1935 settlement for unemployed families opened at Carrum Downs
- 1946 First housing elderly people at Carrum Downs
- Coolibah Club, the first elderly citizens' club opened in Fitzroy.
- Active in campaigns for slum clearance 1940-54
- Children's clinic and Youth Centre opened in 1952
- 1953 Food For Peace Campaign (now Community Aid Abroad) founded by Father Tucker

- 1956 Father Tucker honoured with O.B.E.
- 1958 Opening of new Social Service Centre in Fitzroy
- 1959 Opening of St. Laurence Park, Lara village for elderly
- 1961 Opening of Keble Court flats for elderly in Brunswick
- 1963 "Carinya" hospital for frail aged at Box Hill opened.
- 1964 "Forgotten People Appeal" to extend Brotherhood social services

TODAY -

Brotherhood of St. Laurence provides

- . independence, security and activities for 220 elderly residents at its housing centres
- . professional nursing care for 20 frail old people at "Carinya"
- . professional social workers to counsel and assist some 800 families each year
- . an after school leisure centre for 50 children in Fitzroy
- . the Coolibah Club for 180 age pensioners
- . holidays for 150 elderly or handicapped people each year at its holiday home
- . a Youth Club for 150 young people
- . a programme of research into community problems
- . "Avalon" conference Centre at Lara

The Brotherhood of St. Laurence believes

that the task of the Church and non-government social service agency is -

- . to pioneer new services
- . to fill gaps that exist in Government services
- . to carry out research and bring social questions to the attention of people and Governments
- . to assist and counsel those who turn to the Church in time of trouble

The Brotherhood is very much a community based

organisation. Only 2.5% of its annual income of £100,000 is derived from Government grants or subsidies.

Community Aid Abroad has -

- . 55 C.A.A. Groups in three States of Australia working to assist village development programmes in India, Pakistan, Korea and Africa; and seeking to learn more of the ways of life and problems of people in these countries which are so important to Australia. £22,000 will be sent overseas by C.A.A. in 1965.