



Father Steven E. Boes
National Executive Director

From the National Executive Director

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Dear Supervisor,

Many Japanese families are struggling today. Whether their home situation involves abuse or neglect of the children, an unsafe or unhealthy living environment, or emotional and behavioral problems, these families are struggling against a powerful tide that threatens to overwhelm and tear them apart.

At Boys Town, we see the devastation of broken families every day. Our programs are filled with children who had to be removed from their families because they were in danger or because proper care was lacking. Many more are living in foster care homes or other facilities, victims of circumstances over which they have no control. Fortunately, most are happier and more hopeful because of where they are. But they still love and miss their families, and someday want to return home.

In his day, Father Flanagan held strong to an idea: "There is no such thing as a bad boy; there is only bad environment, bad training, bad example." I have come to believe that there's no such thing as a bad family. In every family, there is someone or something that is good. Sometimes, parents and other caregivers just need someone to guide them toward that more stable home life. I ask you to hold strong to this belief as you do your work.

This is your challenge. Your work in advising, guiding, helping, and being a role model for Family Consultants is invaluable. Your position as a supervisor is much more than a job. It is a calling, a career, and a commitment to your nation's families and children. In order to be successful and to help Family Consultants and the families they serve find success, your efforts must come as much from your heart as your mind and your hands. The work you will do is part of a noble mission that began 100 years ago and continues today at a time when the institution of family faces great peril.

The work you do is essential to the success of your program, your Family Consultants, and most importantly, the families you help. Supervision training will give you direction and guidance as you help Family Consultants develop good strategies for the families they serve. Hopefully, the information contained here will make your task a bit easier. Always remember that your work helps others.

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I want you to know how much we appreciate your efforts to improve the lives of children and families in Japan. This supervision training combines the wisdom, knowledge, and years of supervisory practice and experience Boys Town administrators have accumulated. It's also an extension of the ongoing training that our staff receives. We should never become lax in our quest to help families and kids get better. Please use this information often.

Take heart in the good work you are about to do, and see everything you do as an opportunity to make at least one little corner of the world a better place for children and their parents.

God's Blessings,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Father Steven E. Boes". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "F" and "S".

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