

Fr. Duffy Reviews Year In Catholic Schools of Diocese

REGISTRATION UP, SCHOOL REPORT SHOWS

Year's Achievements In All Fields of School Activity Cited

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of secular education that one must understand the difference to appreciate why Catholics are willing to make sacrifices to maintain their own schools.

ATTENDANCE

The grand total of pupils in elementary and secondary schools of the diocese of Rochester is 27,576. The enrollment of children in the elementary schools of the diocese in 1935-36 was 24,645. This figure represents a loss of 133 from October 1, 1935. However, the first grade registration now is 177 more than that of one year ago. If this increase should continue it would counteract a decline which has obtained for the last five years.

School has 828 pupils. Holy Family School, Rochester, has the largest elementary school registration of 828 pupils. Holy Family has 569 pupils. St. Monica's has 736 pupils.

The registration of the high schools of the diocese is 2,931, which represents a gain of 101 over last year. Last June, 487 students were graduated from Catholic high schools in the diocese.

June 1935, 1,544 pupils were graduated in the city of Rochester from 32 parochial and private Catholic schools. Of this number 468 are now attending Catholic high schools. 515 are in public high schools.

Estimating the cost of education for the elementary school child (1935-36) at \$119.00 per pupil the cost of educating the 24,645 elementary school pupils of this diocese would amount to the grand sum of \$2,932,755. Again, estimating the cost for the high school pupil at \$272.00, the cost of educating 2,931 high school pupils would total \$807,372.

NEW HISTORY SYLLABUS

Revision of curricula in certain subjects of the elementary school has been undertaken with a view of permitting teachers to make a wide use of modern methods, pupils and teacher aids which survey and research have proved to be useful and practical and in improvement over the old. In these subjects in which new syllabuses have been drawn up, care has been taken to construct them in accordance with the fundamental aims of the elementary school and the traditional Catholic attitude in dealing with the child.

Fr. Mahoney in Charge.

The past year has seen the beginning of the revision of the syllabus in history. This work was placed in the hands of a number of the teaching community under the direction of the Reverend Father J. Mahoney. The new syllabus introduced in the fourth and fifth grades is the result of the study of the Sisters of Mercy and the Sisters of Notre Dame. This follows the traditional European method of the biographical approach to history.

The syllabus for the sixth grade introduced the study of the history of the world as a background and preparation for the study of the history of his own country in the seventh and eighth grades. The syllabus in the sixth grade is the work of the Sisters of St. Joseph. A permanent character will be given to these courses after they have been submitted for a time to the experience of the teachers.

SCHOOL LIBRARIES

The impetus given in recent years to more reading on the part of elementary pupils has not been without good results in our Catholic schools. The need of extensive reading of books selected to meet the grade level of the child has become a great concern of the teachers of our schools. Library Institutes, conducted under the auspices of this office within the past two years, have contributed in stimulating interest in building up school libraries. Ranging from smaller collections of books in rural schools, they vary to ideally planned and conducted libraries, such as that in Holy Family School, Rochester, containing over three thousand volumes and Blessed Sacrament School, with more than two thousand volumes. If books are added little by little, the day will come when the library will be a credit to the school and a treasure-house for the children.

SACRED AND MODERN MUSIC

In the study of music, our pupils are making encouraging progress. With a revision of the course three years ago began an intensive program of instruction in sacred and modern music. Several schools have been able to join in projects as a result of their classroom musical training in the chant. In May 1935, the Rochester school children joined in singing Mass IV "Cunctipotens" at St. Patrick's Cathedral. In 1936 a large group of children from the Auburn schools and another from the Elmira schools joined in singing Mass IX "One Jubilo" in their respective churches. All of these Masses proved the practical value of teaching

the chant in our schools. The chief object in having these Masses was not to demonstrate what the children can sing, but to show why they are being trained in the knowledge and singing of the Gregorian Chant, and to show how it functions as part of their religious training.

This year several schools in Rochester and in the nearby towns are able to bring this project of Catholic life and action to bear directly on their own parish life. In their religious course the pupils are taught the meaning and value of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. In their music courses they are taught how to offer this greatest of all sacrifices in union with the priest through actual participation in the true spirit of the Liturgy. In other words, they are learning how to really "pray the Mass" in the idea of the High Mass sung congregationally.

In addition to this valuable instruction the children in all grades receive training in modern music. Books of The Mass and of the "Prayer Series" by Mother Stevens are being used with much satisfaction and most encouraging results. The pupils are receiving a well-rounded musical education. They not only are singing at sight in this method, but they are also given drill in ear-training and rhythm. The creative work in music is being as exact as first grade.

Thus we feel justified in commending the work of supervisors, teachers and pupils who are all working faithfully to fulfill the command of the Holy Father as given in his Encyclical "Divini Cultus Sanctitatem" when he says: "Instruction in the chant and sacred music should be begun in the schools of elementary grade, to be continued in the higher classes and colleges." They are training for a true liturgical spirit as derived from its first and most indispensable source, by taking an active part in the sacred mysteries and in the solemn public prayers of the Church.

VOCATION WEEK

Each year during the month of May the Catholic Schools observe Vocation Week. Its purpose is to bring before the high school students and those of the upper grades of the parish school the important matter of thoughtful and prayerful consideration of one's vocation. It is a work of serious importance, and has much more importance in guidance in one's life vocation. This is a field so broad and rich that it challenges the interest of the guidance of the young and the attention of the kingdom of God on earth. Great opportunities are afforded priests and religious to bring to the light and the attention of those who much soon make a choice. We earnestly urge that each year Vocation Week will be given the prominence and the extra classroom activities that it deserves.

THE MISSIONS

A decided upward trend in interest in the Missions was manifested by the children of many schools this year. Their reports to the Propagation of the Faith Association, their prayers and help are encouraging. During the past year 1557.50 was contributed to the Holy Childhood Association.

THE CATECHISM

During the last fall the Baltimore Catechism has been under revision by the National Conference of Christian Doctrine. Considerable progress has been made, and the task of the committee in charge is a large one and it may take two years before the revision is completed. The revised catechism may necessitate some changes in the Baltimore Catechism courses for the elementary schools.

NOBILIS SCHOOLS

The Nazareth Normal School and Our Lady of Mercy Normal School have made remarkable progress in developing their faculties and they are making a precious contribution to the diocese and to the State in preparing well-trained group of devoted teachers.

Since the teaching of religion is a work and privilege which falls to practically every religious training in that important field should receive more than ordinary emphasis. Christian Doctrine, Sacred Scripture, Church History, and Methods in Religion should be incorporated in the training of the teacher. The Catholic teacher training program, furthermore, such subjects as Psychology, History of Education, and the Philosophy and Principles of Education should be taught by Catholic instructors since Catholic education is based absolutely on the dogma of the supernatural.

LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS

Local examinations are being administered to the nine diocesan high schools in most of the subjects in which Regents examinations are not given. They make for a certain uniformity which is wholesome and desirable. Eleven final examinations are administered in June through the Office of the Superintendent and two in January. These local examinations are drawn up by committees composed of teachers from all high schools. Extra credit and honor are assumed in preparing and taking these examinations, but we feel it will rebound to the benefit of the students and to the efficiency of the schools.

WARREN

Some notable honors were conferred on pupils in Catholic schools of the diocese. In June it should be mentioned that six of the twenty-five State school graduates of Monroe County were won by Catholic high school students.

Grace Wiesner, of Nazareth

REGISTRATION REPORT OF PARISH SCHOOL AND PUPILS

1936-1937

Diocese of Rochester

SCHOOL	REGISTRATION			TEACHERS		
	Boys	Girls	Total	Rel.	Lay	Total
Cathedral	125	135	260	9	0	9
St. Ambrose	304	301	605	14	2	16
St. Andrew's	358	315	673	15	2	17
St. Anthony's	163	150	313	8	0	8
St. Augustine's	267	269	536	11	1	12
Blessed Sacrament	279	284	563	12	5	17
St. Boniface	271	292	563	15	0	15
Corpus Christi	313	291	604	17	1	18
St. Bridget's	97	85	182	8	0	8
St. Francis Xavier	179	163	342	9	0	9
St. George's	49	50	99	4	0	4
Holy Apostles	240	257	497	9	2	11
Holy Cross	183	169	352	7	1	8
Holy Family	422	406	828	18	0	18
Holy Redeemer	225	252	477	14	0	14
Holy Rosary	393	376	769	16	2	18
Immaculate Conception	330	324	654	18	0	18
St. John the Evangelist	287	293	580	11	3	14
St. Joseph's	104	118	222	7	0	7
St. Lucy's	12	13	25	4	0	4
St. Mary's	71	65	136	4	0	4
St. Michael's	321	311	632	16	0	16
St. Monica's	368	382	750	17	2	19
Good Counsel	178	190	368	9	0	9
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St. Carmel	240	254	494	13	0	13
Our Lady of Perpetual Help	213	195	408	10	0	10
Our Lady of Victory	47	55	102	3	1	4
St. Peter & Paul's	243	260	503	14	0	14
Sacred Heart	324	332	656	17	1	18
St. Stanislaus	284	270	554	14	0	14
St. Theresa's	59	50	109	5	0	5
Total	7,034	7,013	14,047	243	28	264

PRIVATE SCHOOLS AND INSTITUTIONS						
Academy of the Sacred Heart	51	51	102	8	2	10
St. Agnes Institute	18	18	36	4	0	4
Nazareth Academy	79	79	158	7	1	8
Nazareth Hall	117	117	234	10	0	10
Holy Angels	17	17	34	2	1	3
St. Joseph's Asylum	28	20	48	4	0	4
St. Mary's Home	101	65	166	7	0	7
St. Joseph's Commercial	72	72	144	1	1	2
St. Mary's Commercial	31	31	62	1	1	2
Total	250	344	594	43	4	47

COUNTY SCHOOLS						
St. Charles	209	214	423	7	1	8
St. Margaret Mary	187	173	360	8	0	8
St. Salome's	111	127	238	4	1	5
St. Thomas	83	97	180	0	0	0
Nativity M. V. M. Brockport	85	83	168	4	0	4
Holy Ghost, Canastota	45	45	90	2	0	2
St. Theodore, Coldwater	48	54	102	4	0	4
St. John, Greece	72	76	148	4	0	4
St. John, Spencerport	64	59	123	4	0	4
Holy Trinity, Webster	82	80	162	5	1	6
Total	968	988	1,956	47	3	50

SCHOOLS OUTSIDE MONROE COUNTY						
St. Alphonsus, Auburn	108	97	205	6	0	6
St. Anthony, Auburn	150	131	281	8	0	8
Holy Family, Auburn	183	180	363	7	1	8
St. Hyacinth, Auburn	300	231	531	6	0	6
St. Mary's, Auburn	109	142	251	8	1	9
St. Agnes, Avon	83	95	178	4	0	4
St. Mary's, Canandaigua	218	242	460	10	1	11
St. John, Clyde	102	131	233	6	0	6
St. Mary's, Corning	180	197	377	8	1	9
St. Patrick's, Corning	99	121	220	6	0	6
St. Vincent's, Corning	94	108	202	5	1	6
St. Mary's, Danville	64	68	132	4	0	4
St. Patrick's, Danville	45	45	90	4	0	4
St. Anthony's, Elmira	120	140	260	6	0	6
St. Casimir's, Elmira	112	111	223	6	0	6
St. Cecilia's, Elmira	79	70	149	5	0	5
St. Mary's, Elmira	107	148	255	8	0	8
St. Patrick's, Elmira	168	161	329	10	0	10
St. Peter & Paul's, Elmira	90	80	170	5	0	5
St. Francis de Sales, Geneva	204	272	476	14	0	14
St. Stephen's, Geneva	163	175	338	7	1	8
St. Ann's, Hornell	246	229	475	11	0	11
Immaculate, Ithaca	229	187	416	16	1	17
St. Rose's, Lima	44	44	88	4	0	4
St. Patrick's, Mt. Morris	48	38	86	4	0	4
St. Patrick's, Owego	38	43	81	2	0	2
St. Michael's, Penn Yan	79	73	152	4	0	4
Sacred Heart, Perkinsville	10	19	29	4	0	4
St. Patrick's, Salamanca	178	208	386	7	0	7
St. Patrick's, Salamanca Falls	85	76	161	6	0	6
St. Mary's, Waterloo	63	72	135	5	0	5
St. Joseph's, Wayland	63	72	135	5	0	5
Total	3,961	4,034	8,015	200	11	211

HIGH SCHOOLS						
Academy of the Sacred Heart	1,180	1,180	2,360	8	4	12
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Nazareth Academy	728	728	1,456	25	36	61
Our Lady of Mercy High	315	315	630	15	16	31
Holy Family High, Auburn	98	82	180	6	1	7
Elmira Catholic High	71	77	148	7	0	7
De Sales High, Geneva	141	151	292	12	0	12
St. Ann's, Hornell (1st yr.)	15	10	25	2	0	2
St. Rose's, Lima (1st yr.)	2	5	7	2	0	2
Total	1,507	1,424	2,931	118	17	135
Grand Total in Diocese	15,708	15,813	31,521	768	58	826

Academy winner of the State Prize of the Gorgas Memorial Contest, also came in third in the national awards. Miss Wiesner also won the distinction for having the highest scholarship rating for four years in New York State.

Honorary "All-Catholic Honors" were awarded to "Lantern," annual Senior publication of Nazareth Academy.

"Mercedes," year book of Our Lady of Mercy High School, was awarded "All-Catholic Honors" for the fourth year in succession. The National Scholastic Press Association gave it "All-American Honors" for the third time, and Columbia awarded it 2nd class honors.

Paul Gibbons, of St. Andrew's Seminary, Dean Third grade Latin Translation Contest sponsored by the New York State College.

CATHOLIC ROUND TABLE OF SCIENCE

At a meeting of science teachers of Catholic and public high schools of Rochester, Auburn and Elmira, October 11, the Reverend Fr. P. LeBuffe, S.J., discussed the feasibility of establishing a Rochester Chapter of the Catholic Round Table of Science.

The purpose of the High School Round Table, according to Father LeBuffe, is to get the Catholic teachers together so as to further a research attitude and a spirit of advanced study. There is a crying need for Catholic

HONORS WON BY CATHOLIC HIGH PUPILS

Figures Show Taxpayers Saved Over 3 1/2 Millions By Parish Schools

be the construction and graduation of courses of religion and the building of social sciences and literature courses in harmony with Catholic thought and philosophy. Beneficial results of this kind can come only through the cooperative efforts of those actually engaged in the teaching of these courses.

CIVIC ACTIVITIES

It is the policy of our Catholic schools to participate in public activities which have relation to the civic life of the community. Each year a "Transfer of Flags" is celebrated at the Columbus Civic Centre for 37 schools of the city of Rochester. It is an inspiring sight to witness the old standard bearers of the eighth grade pass on the American flag to the newly-elected standard bearers of the seventh grade. The address that are given show that patriotism is a sacred virtue and a duty of every citizen.

Twenty-four schools and three bands participated in the last Memorial Day Parades.

The 150th Anniversary of the Constitution of the United States will be celebrated in the schools of this diocese, under the direction of the Sequentional Committee.

JUNIOR SAFETY PATROLS

In many of the schools Junior Safety Patrols have been organized, thanks to the school officers of the Police Department—for the protection and instruction of the youngsters. We hope that soon every school will have a Junior Safety Patrol, which is a necessary adjunct. Traffic and highway safety is an urgent and pressing problem which claims the continual attention and cooperation of every teacher and principal. It is a necessary adjunct. Traffic and highway safety is an urgent and pressing problem which claims the continual attention and cooperation of every teacher and principal. It is a necessary adjunct. Traffic and highway safety is an urgent and pressing problem which claims the continual attention and cooperation of every teacher and principal. It is a necessary adjunct.

FIRST CATHOLIC STUDENTS' PRINCE CRUSADE

The annual report of the Catholic schools would be incomplete without mention of the action of the Catholic Students' Press Crusade of last February. Signaling Catholic Press Month by an endeavor to secure more subscribers for the CATHOLIC COURIER, our diocesan newspaper, thousands of Catholic young people embarked upon a crusade of persuasion, which marked a high point in youthful Catholic action.

Under the inspiring leadership of their teachers, and encouraged by the interest and helpfulness of their pastors, these young crusaders gained amazing victories for their schools, and for the newspaper which represents them. St. George's, Canastota, of this first crusade that in the months following our diocesan paper has had its greatest period of growth. Catholic students throughout the diocese and all those who encouraged and guided them in their work, may take just pride in the attainments for the CATHOLIC COURIER.

JUNIOR CATHOLIC COURIER

The JUNIOR CATHOLIC COURIER, which makes its first appearance, March 12, 1936, is an innovation in Catholic Press Circles; yet it has gained enthusiastic commendation. The JUNIOR CATHOLIC COURIER brings to the parents and pupils alike the activities of the pupils in the various schools as reported by themselves. It serves as a central medium from the diocesan office of the diocesan Superintendent of Schools. It is hoped that pupils and teachers will make full use of this opportunity which the JUNIOR CATHOLIC COURIER affords them.

PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCIES

Many of the children in parochial schools of the diocese have been the recipients of the services and assistance of various public agencies. To these we extend our sincere gratitude. In particular we are happy to mention the Rochester Dental Bureau, the Rochester Dental Dispensary, the Tuberculosis and Health Association of Rochester and Monroe County, the Eye Conservatory, the Committee on the Monroe County Medical Association and the other various city and county health departments throughout the diocese. Physicians, school nurses and dental hygienists have rendered valuable service in protecting and promoting the health of pupils and in preventing communicable diseases.

SCHOOL BOOKS

Six welfare agencies in Monroe County provided books during the past year for indigent children of families in their charge. A few cities and villages outside Rochester also provided books for the indigent. However, some agencies in other places were slow in coming forward for needy children either because there was no provision in

the budget for the same, or because of a lack of understanding of the law.

NATIONAL YOUTH ADMINISTRATION

In order to extend financial assistance to needy and deserving students in high schools, the National Youth Administration provides an allowance of six dollars per month to students who are duly certified by the principal of the school as deserving of aid. This commendable plan makes it possible for many students to continue their studies in high schools, or at least, lessen the burden for them and their families. This aid is not given gratuitously, but in return for educational and socially desirable service of educational value rendered by the students. Over 150 boys and girls in six of the larger high schools were the beneficiaries of this benevolent measure of the National Youth Administration.

THE NEW BUS LAW

On May 13, 1936, a law was enacted by the State of New York effective September 1, 1936, which was designed to afford bus transportation to children attending non-public schools. It is known as the Kelly-McCreary Law. Why such a statute was not passed before, is difficult to understand. When the legislators saw the justice, the need and the humanitarianism of the act, the bill was passed without hesitation. This law was a step in the right direction since it provides the same rights and privileges to all children regardless of the school they attend. In a few isolated cases the law has not yet been made operative—perhaps because it is not understood. It is hoped that in all places where bus transportation is provided the same service will be accorded to all according to the provisions of the law.

REVEREND FRANCIS J. REILLY

September, 1935, marked the opening of the Elmira Catholic High, known then as St. Peter and Paul's High School. Rev. Francis J. Reilly, appointed by the late Bishop O'Brien, was the first principal of the school. The beginning of the school was very humble and modest, but promising. The school, succeeding year after year, has grown in registration and influence under the patient and persevering direction of Father Reilly. His unassuming manner and kindly disposition won for him the confidence and affection of students and teachers.

The progress of the Elmira Catholic High School and the name which it has won for itself due to its high standards of learning, energy and unselfish devotion of its principal.

Last June, Father Reilly was promoted to the position of St. Mary's Church, Forestburgh, New York. We wish him health and happiness, and great spiritual success in this new field of his vocation.

Rev. William J. Brian, Ph. D., pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Elmira, succeeds Father Reilly as principal of the Elmira Catholic High School. The welcome principal is the Rev. William A. Burns, former teacher at Aquinas Institute.

DR. AVERY W. SKINNER

It was with real regret that the principals of the high schools of this diocese, learned last July of the resignation of Dr. Avery W. Skinner because of ill health. For forty-four years, Dr. Skinner was connected with public schools of New York State.

Through long and intimate associations with Catholic teachers throughout the State, he came to appreciate the