

Young People Air Views in School Survey

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Second in a series on the School and Society Survey for the Seventies, now being analyzed by the Diocesan School Office. Survey results are scheduled for release in June.

Concerned Catholics who responded to the school questionnaire distributed throughout the diocese last month included college students, and other young people, as well as their parents.

One student wrote: "The church can play a great role in helping the stricken cities. Pick the best-qualified teachers and insure the highest possible level of general education. The public school system . . . needs com-

'Pick Best Qualified Teachers ... Help Stricken Cities'

petition and cooperation from parochial schools."

As though elaborating on this recommendation, another collegian suggested: "Where public schools are giving a good education (suburbs) and Catholic schools are facing financial troubles, the Catholic schools should be phased out and the money and other resources given to the aid of areas in which public resources are simply not enough to do a good job."

Questionnaires were returned by young men and women of the diocese who are attending St. John Fisher, Nazareth, State University colleges at Geneseo and Brockport, Ithaca College, Rochester Institute of Technology and Corning Community College.

A student who identified himself as a Catholic high school graduate said of "quality integrated education" for Catholic Schools, "I am against it."

"Our Catholic high schools have an open enrollment policy now," he continued. "There are no district regulations, etc. The major restriction on attendance is money. I realize that few minority group persons have this kind of money, and 'black scholarships' or tuition-free admission for these persons burdens the entire 'paying community.' Why should a black student from a low-income family get this type of aid in preference to a low-income white? Isn't this a sick form of discrimination?"

An under-30 married woman declared: "I think Catholic schools should be run by nuns, but not 'new breed' nuns."

"My husband and I are afraid to support Catholic schools because of the heretical teachings

we know exist since Vatican II. We know Adam and Eve are not just a 'story,' and Martin Luther King is not a canonized saint."

A Rochester resident said that financial support for the schools would come easily "if prayers were taught and catechism lessons were again introduced into the system." (The school office comment: "Prayer, religious practices and doctrine are still taught and well taught in our parochial schools.")

Next in this series, the school office will deal with the frequently heard suggestion that the closing of parochial schools be used as a bargaining tactic in the search for government help.



Bishop Kearney Addresses Parish Guild

Bishop James E. Kearney extolled the Blessed Mother at monthly meeting of the St. Thomas More Women's Guild in Brighton on April 22. Pictured at meeting are Mrs. Judy Matheis, Guild secretary; Mrs. Patricia Williams, treasurer; Father Francis Pegnam, pastor; Bishop Kearney; Mrs. Dorothy Teall, vice president, and Miss Katherine Benn, chairman of April program.

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Manikowski Named At Notre Dame High

Elmira — Notre Dame High School has named Paul Manikowski dean of students and director of athletics. He will assume the positions in September.

Manikowski presently is a teacher at Ernie Davis High School and last season was junior varsity coach at Elmira Free Academy.

Dean of students is a new position at the school.

Manikowski attended elementary and high school in Blossburg, and was graduated from Mansfield State College in 1965, with a Bachelor of Science in education. He was an outstanding athlete in both high school and college.

He taught at Mansfield High School before joining the Elmira School District. He was at Broadway Junior High School for a year and a half, and has been at Davis since November, 1966.

Manikowski will attend Rutgers University this summer for the third year, under the National Science Foundation program. He is working toward a master's degree in the teaching of mathematics. He also has done graduate work at Elmira College.

Manikowski lives with his wife and son at 409 Maple Dr. He is a communicant in St. Mary's Church, Southside.

East Rochester ... A Champion!

By FATHER JOHN HEMPEL
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For many years East Rochester has been called "The Town of Champions." Especially in sports has this title been richly deserved. But is this all there is — to be known only for its athletic prowess?

Within recent weeks East Rochester proved again that it did not have a limited title, but that it also was a champion in its concern for people in need. Mrs. Richard Kitchen got the ball rolling — she saw the need that our office had for a truck for our Buffalo Road warehouse.

Starting from St. Jerome's Church she set up a committee chaired by Louis Pioli. From that moment the purchase of a truck was assured. The whole town became a part of the effort—all the churches joined in, the schools took a most active part, organizations participated and the mayor proclaimed a "Week of Human Concern."

Granted, this magnificent gesture will not completely solve the tragic poverty problems of our age any more than will our office. But in this instance can't we see something more than a village buying a truck and supporting a ware-

house for the needy? Are we not considering a town generally consisting of people who themselves struggled to extract themselves from a position of disadvantage? Are we not considering a town that in itself is not affluent, but surrounded by so much affluence?

If East Rochester can do this, how much more others more fortunate could do if they really wanted. How the parable of the talents sounds loud and clear — for those who have so much, so much more is expected.

In evaluating this concern of East Rochester, it would be well to ask why.

Could it be that this village relates as a family — each concerned about the other—capable therefore of having a philosophy of concern? Could it be that this town was never blind to people's needs? Could this be why East Rochester is peopled with happy people? Could this be one of the reasons why East Rochester does not have a large incidence of youth problems?

When all is said and done, East Rochester remains the Town of Champions. Not necessarily a town of economic affluence, but a town of people affluence.



TRUCK FOR POOR—East Rochesterians of all faiths joined recently in a drive for funds to purchase truck for the diocesan Office of Human Concern and its director, Father John Hempel. Pictured at presentation are Louis Pioli, St. Jerome's Church, fund chairman; Mrs. Richard Kitchen, St. Jerome's; Father Hempel; Donal Willey, Parkside Methodist Church.

A Truck for Office of Human Concern

Through the cooperation of more than 1,000 persons in the Village of East Rochester, the diocesan Office of Human Concern now owns a pickup truck to gather furniture, clothing and canned food and deliver to the poor.

It all came about when a woman telephoned the Human Concern office with an offer to donate furniture and was told they had no vehicle large enough to make the pickup.

This fact came to the attention of Mrs. Richard Kitchen of St. Jerome's parish in East Rochester, who decided that efforts to get a truck for Father John J. Hempel, director of the Of-

fice of Human Concern, would be a tribute to him for his former five years' service as assistant at St. Jerome's.

The idea mushroomed, gaining the support of village churches, organizations and individuals. Village Mayor Paul N. Bower proclaimed April 13-18 as "Human Concern Week," and more than 50 students of East Rochester Senior and Junior High Schools and St. Jerome's School conducted a house-to-house solicitation for funds.

To date more than \$4,000 has been received by the committee — far over the \$3,000 goal. And Charles Hoselton, head of the

firm from which the 1970 truck was purchased, added his contribution by giving the committee an \$800 discount.

Some months ago Father Hempel opened a Human Concern Depot at the St. William House, a residence on the King's Prep High School grounds on Buffalo Road. He gathers furniture, clothing and food there and donates it to organizations throughout the diocese who are dealing with the poor.

This task has been facilitated and made much easier because of the kindness and thoughtfulness of so many East Rochesterians.