

Michael Cavuoto keeps a guide rope tight while raising a desk to the second floor.



Cesar Martinez, Samuel Nuciola and Raymond Nettles paint chairs in the kindergarten room.

School's Out but SHARE's In

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School may be out for the summer, but the halls of Holy Redeemer school on Hudson Avenue in Rochester were filled with youngsters last week.

This is because the 10 schools of the diocese's North Region were engaged in Project SHARE, which seems to show that the idea of giving each region an inner city parish to support has taken hold.

Project SHARE is a program of support for Holy Redeemer elementary school, which is moving its junior high to St. Michael's parish as part of a general reorganization of inner city schools.

Volunteers from the schools of the North Region came to Holy Redeemer from June 16 to 21 to help move desks, pack up books, and do general cleaning and sprucing up.

When Sister Marie Therese, SSND, principal of Holy Redeemer, called on the other principals of the North Region for help in the reorganization, the response was "unanimous." Both teachers and pupils turned out by the busload to assist.

Holy Redeemer school, said Sister Marie, had about 295 students last school year, with grades kindergarten through eighth. In the fall they plan to enroll 300 students in grades up to sixth. The merger with the schools of St. Francis Xavier and St. Michael's will produce, said Sister Marie, a "completely integrated" school for the inner city:

"All the junior high equipment," explained Sister Marie, "had to go to St. Michael's, and the homerooms had to be made into primary and intermediate classrooms."

In addition, the transfer meant rebuilding the files of the schools involved, and this clerical work began during May while school was still in session.