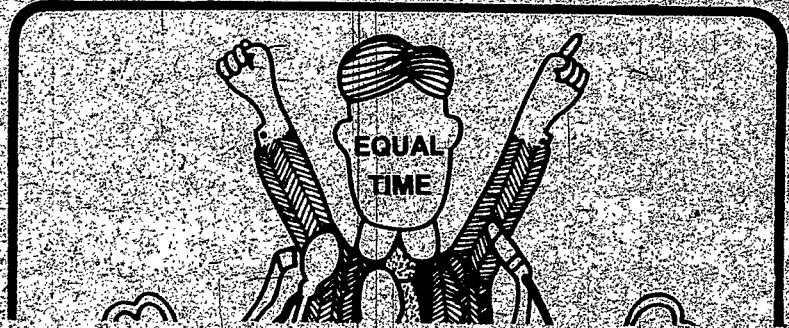


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What are the advantages of a Catholic High School education?

Ed Kauffman, Aquinas senior, football
 A Catholic high school education has given me a better outlook on life. When I have my own family I can show them the benefits of my education. They discipline you so that when you get out into life you realize your responsibilities. My junior year was my best because that was the year I matured and realized what I had to do.



Jim Gendron, Cardinal Mooney senior, track team
 The most important factor is the faculty, teaching to them is more than just a job, it's a vocation, so they are more interested in the students. Catholic High schools have a good atmosphere and a good learning environment. A student is put on a track where he is matched to his abilities. You learn as much as you are willing to learn.



Jim Brock, McQuaid senior, soccer
 I certainly think a certain closeness is instilled between students — partly because of the talk about God. In a Catholic High School they offer more unique programs through community service organizations which help people in the outside community. It has made me aware of other people, their problems and feelings. There is no question in my mind that when I have a family I will send my children to a Catholic High School because of the religious background. Also a Catholic Education makes you think.



Anthony Pagano, Bishop Kearney senior, art
 There is more discipline which gives you a better education because there are no disruptions during classes. You may not like doing the things you are supposed to do in a Catholic High school but doing them helps you in the end. They teach us responsibility. They also teach you independence and also colleges and places of employment prefer those students from Catholic High Schools.



Maria Koelbel, DeSales junior, Photography Club
 Let's see — I've been here three years and the people are really nice. You can find help from the teachers when you want it. A Catholic High School education is beneficial because it teaches you to look at the world more maturely and it also teaches you respect for the people.



Mary Conheady, Bishop Kearney junior
 My Catholic education will no doubt give me a chance at a better job because I've learned more. The Catholic educational system takes a more personal interest in your learning. We are taught respect for everyone, faculty, students — we all respect one another.



Dawn Kozlowski, Nazareth senior, Ski Club
 I think Catholic schools stress education more and it seems I have gotten more out of the education. The teachers are more dedicated to the students. They teach you to be the person you are to be an individual. It has made me used to a lot of responsibility which has prepared me for the future.



Moi Dugan, Mercy junior, Student Council
 Through a Catholic High School education you are exposed to different activities and to different people. They teach responsibility and the atmosphere is one of closeness. Teachers, faculty and students relate to one another on a one-to-one basis.



Theresa Kusak, St. Agnes junior
 A Catholic High School education teaches greater values and the relations with the people are a lot closer. Morals are higher and we learn more on how to cope with life. The theology classes are vital. There is more individual attention between teachers and students. The many activities bring school and families closer together.



St. Agnes Helping Hands

St. Agnes High School students have been busy preparing for National Human Development Week, Nov. 14-21. On Oct. 29-31 the school's Development Committee held an overnight enrichment program to attempt, as Eileen Caffrey publicity

representative, stated: "To try to find Christ in our own lives and to see how we can show Christ to others." A permanent food station has been installed in the school where students may distribute food contributions.



JAMES BATTLE

Commended Students

Two of Cardinal Mooney's six seniors who received commendation from the National Merit Scholarship program are Dave Heiler and James Battle.

Jim, who received recognition in the National Merit Black Student program, is a member of Immaculate Conception parish, is on the Mooney football squad. His plans for the future include attending St. Petersburg Junior College, a first step in pursuing his BA in Law.

Dave, from St. Pius the Tenth parish, is a member of the National Honor Society, plays the piano and has a particular interest in the music of Beethoven. He has chosen medicine as his field and will attend LeMoyné University.

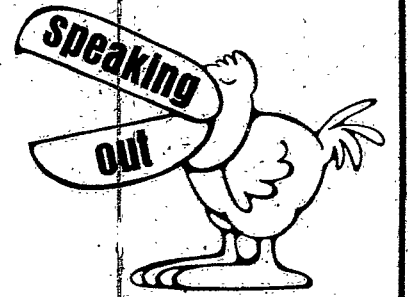


DAVE HEILER Winner!

Tom Yorkey, a sophomore at Aquinas Institute, was the recipient of the Winner's Circle \$5, for the week of Nov. 3.



By TOM RÓSICA Aquinas



We live today in an age when people have become placid and unaware of their surroundings. Human life is no longer so important. Children are being brought up amid feelings of despair, desolation, and "godlessness." You may think that there is nothing that can save us — our society has gone to pot.

True, the values of our society have changed, and the people of our society have changed. Virtually all aspects of life have changed, except one big important thing — our Christianity, and more important — Catholic Education.

You may wonder how Catholic Education fits in with life outside the classroom of the Catholic high school. How does Catholic education have anything to do with human life? Does Catholic education even have a future in our society? The answer to all the above is yes, Catholic education is alive and well, and it does live in our world today. Perhaps we just don't take the time to sit down and find the place to look for it.

The philosopher, John Dewey once said: "Education is more than a preparation for life, it is life itself." This is true of Catholic education. The child who is fortunate enough to receive a Catholic education learns more than traditional school subjects of reading, writing, or arithmetic. Catholic education today teaches the love of Jesus Christ, and also teaches us how to spread that love in building the Christian community. In a sense, we are becoming the architects for tomorrow's world.

Long gone are the days of the catechism and the memorization of facts that we never really knew. Today, we experience Christ in the classroom and outside the classroom. Catholic Education does not only happen during theology

class, in the Catholic school, Catholic education is happening all the time.

Someone once told me that the Catholic schools formed a circle around the faculty. It is then the faculty's job to form a larger circle and allow the students to enter the community. As each individual student grows, he forms another circle around himself, and the process of circles and communities will never stop. Where else but in the Catholic school do teachers take such a deep interest in every student, and have such a deep commitment to teaching their own subjects along with living as an example of Christianity. Where else do parents make sacrifices, and see such unique ways maturing in their children? Where else is life taught to the students?

The Catholic school system is a mirror of life to each student. Just as there are many pitfalls and potholes in the process of faith building, so too, are there many pitfalls in the road of life. The student is prepared for these in the Catholic education system.

Perhaps the greatest value of Catholic education is that it does not end in the classroom like so many other subjects. It is a contagious thing, spreading from student to student, home to home, community to community.

A few years ago, the National Conference of Catholic Bishops gave themselves and other catechists a challenge in Catholic education — "To teach as Jesus did." Today, we each have a challenge — "to live and learn as Jesus did when he was a child." The Catholic Education system will never die, because each of us is a child of God, living and learning in the bright new hope of each new day. And just as children never lose their energy or vigor on life, neither will we.



Winner's Circle

RapAround weekly will run a photo of a group of students taken somewhere in the diocese. One person will be circled and if that person brings the clipping to the Courier-Journal before noon of the Tuesday following publication date, he or she will receive \$5. This week's photo was taken at Mercy High School during lunch. The person circled above should bring the clipping to Joan M. Smith, Courier-Journal, by noon, Tuesday, Nov. 22 to receive \$5.