

PASTORAL PERSPECTIVE

By Bishop Joseph L. Hogan

A Salute to the Catholic Schools

It is most appropriate that the National Catholic Educational Association selected the theme Catholic Schools — EVERYONE GROWS — for the observance of Catholic Schools' Week this year. We are reminded in the recent statement from the Sacred Congregation for Education that, "the purpose of instruction at school is education, that is, the development of man from within, freeing him from the conditioning which would prevent him from becoming a fully integrated human being." To foster and cultivate this type of growth from within an educational system must be committed to care and concern for each member as an individual.

More than any other form of education Catholic schools are commissioned to develop not only the talents and potential abilities of students, but also to provide for growth of faith life and culture. Schools are encouraged to promote the unique identity of being institutions which are dedicated to the formation of strong Christian men and women. History has tried and tested the efforts of Catholic Education and has found the results to be true to the goal of continuing the mission exemplified by the Master Teacher.

The ministry of teaching is one of the oldest and most effective ministries in the Church. The command Christ gave to the Apostles to teach all nations still rings in the hearts and minds of Christians today. It is a command that will never be completely fulfilled for it is a mission that must continue to grow and reach out to those who do not understand. Scripture tells us that the message cannot go forth unless there are those who will carry it — those who will teach others!

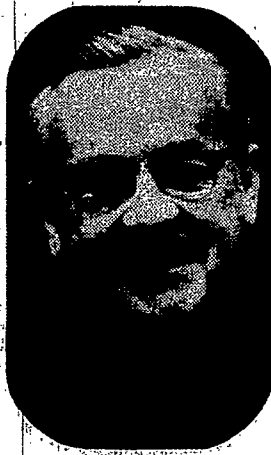
The teacher is the core and strength of the Catholic School today as teachers have been down through the ages. Teaching must be more than a profession. It must be a way of life. The academic expertise of each teacher is necessary and is to be commended, but more than that, we commend teachers for WHO THEY ARE. The greatest lesson and the most effective message they can give to young people is the lesson of example of how to live; how to believe; how to pray and how to love. It is this special dimension of example and commitment that makes teachers true ministers of the Word and true to the unique character of the Catholic School.

Through this example and belief teachers share in the education of young people with the primary educators — the parents. We believe that the united efforts of parents and teachers to promote the teachings of the Church and living faith through community and service are basic ingredients to Catholic Education. Parents, by the very fact that they

have freely selected Catholic Schools for their children, demonstrate a willingness to make sacrifices for a value and priority in their lives. Continued support and involvement in the school programs assures them that the schools are dedicated to teaching the Gospel message.

The celebration of Catholic Schools' Week comes formally once each year. However, the celebration of Catholic Schools and the people who make them realities is something that continues in our lives. None of us can truly measure how education has affected us, but all of us can recall special memories of our days in school and the influence of teachers on our decisions. Small events or comments that went unnoticed at the time somehow were rooted and stayed to set direction for our future.

Like so many of the Church's institutions, the schools face difficult times in the face of financial strains and challenges of accountability. They were built by men and women who dared to risk the impossible; they have produced graduates who have become leaders of Church and State and they continue to be the most effective means of educating young people in the truths and practices of our faith. May all of us in this diocese join together to continue to have the courage to support, foster and to enrich this vital ministry of the Church which we congratulate during the celebration of Catholic Schools' Week — 1978.



Bishop Selection Committee Named

The Selection of Bishops Committee met for the first time Jan. 19.

The committee, charged with writing guidelines for the selection of bishops to serve the diocese, was given approval by the Diocesan Pastoral Council in November 1976. During the past few months the committee has been organizing under the leadership of Father James Marvin, pastor of St. Ambrose, Rochester.

Eleven of the 12 memberships on the committee have been filled to date; the committee includes six lay persons and six clergy and religious.

Father Marvin will continue as the delegate of Bishop Hogan. Two diocesan priests, Father Robert Miller, Good

Shepherd, Henrietta, and Father John Mulligan, St. John the Evangelist, Rochester, also will serve

Sister Marie Brown, SSJ, St. Christopher's, North Chili, will be one of two sisters on the committee; the other position has yet to be filled.

Father Joseph Dorsey, CSB, St. John Fisher College, will represent the diocese's male religious

The three lay men are Dr. Edward Gutman, St. Paul's, Webster, Dr. Glenn Kist, St. Mary's, Scottsville, and Dennis McGuire, St. John the Evangelist, Rochester

The three lay women are Mrs. Hedy McGarry, St. John the Evangelist, Spencerport, Ms. Ann Minton, St. Bernard's Seminary, and Mrs. Hildreth Smith, St. Ann's, Hornell



Members of the Vatican diplomatic corps bow to salute Pope Paul VI as he addressed them during traditional New Year's audience.

Pope Pleads For Human Rights

Vatican City (RNS) — Pope Paul, in a hard-hitting address on human rights, vigorously condemned violations of the rights to freedom of religion, to racial equality, especially in southern Africa, and to "physical and psychic integrity," particularly in countries that torture political prisoners.

Chile, Argentina and other Latin American countries, the pontiff asked, "How can one not be disturbed when so many anguished families cry out for their dear ones and even requests for information about them are ignored?"

In an obvious reference to the Soviet Union, the Pope said:

"Equally, we cannot remain silent about the practice, reported on so many sides, of comparing those who are guilty or presumed to be of political opposition to people who are in need of psychiatric treatment."

"How," he asked, "can the Church not take a strong stance against torture and such violence inflicted upon human beings, similar to the one she takes on abortion?"

The Pope addressed members of the diplomatic corps accredited to the

Vatican, Jan. 14, in an annual exchange of new year's greetings. The length of his remarks — a 12-page speech in French, was without precedent for such an occasion.

On racial equality, the Pope recalled the United Nations Convention on Racial Discrimination of 1965.

"For those who believe in God," he said, "all human beings are the sons of the universal Father who created them in His image. The Fatherhood of God signifies the brotherhood of man. This is one of the strong points of Christian universalism, the point held in common with other great religions. For a Christian, no man is excluded from the possibility of being saved by Christ and of enjoying the same destiny in the Kingdom of God."

"It is therefore inconceivable for anyone who

accepts the evangelical message to deny the basic human equality of man on the basis of the pretended superiority of one race or ethnic group."

Referring to the "racial conflict" in Africa, Pope Paul said:

"This is the attempt to create judicial and political powers violating the principles of universal suffrage and self-determination of peoples — those powers that Western European culture has affirmed and spread throughout the world. The Church understands why the African peoples have rejected such situations. She cannot encourage or justify violence that spills blood, causes destruction, and metes out reprisal and revenge, but the Church cannot silence her teaching that all racist theories are contrary to Christian faith and love."

Courier Calendar

- Fall of the House of Usher — Rochester-made film (1928) featured at Tuesday lunchtime program Jan. 31, Rundell Library, South Avenue
The Caretaker — Harold Pinter play at GeVa, 168 S. Clinton, opens tonight at 8 Box office: 232-1366
Petrified Forest — 1936 melodrama 1:30 p.m. tomorrow, Dryden Theatre, Eastman House, for senior citizens
Sunday Recital — At Interfaith Chapel, U of R, 3:30 p.m. Jan. 29 Robert Parris, organ, Frederick A. Beck, trumpet
Double Bill — Two Thornton Wilder plays in GeVa lunchtime series, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 12:15 p.m., through Feb. 16, at 168 S. Clinton
Skiing for Beginners — At Mendon Ponds Boy Scout Area, 1-3 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 31, and Saturday, Feb. 11, sponsored by YWCA. Free. To register 546-5820, ext. 230
Film Program — The Hunt of the Unicorn, concerning late Gothic tapestries at the Cloisters, and Rag Tapestry, showing children at work at Metropolitan Museum, Sunday, Jan. 29, 3 p.m. and 4 p.m., Memorial Art Gallery
Fun Night — At St. Mary's, Canandaigua, school gym, Jan. 28, 8-11 p.m.
Mardi Gras — Saturday night, Feb. 4, at St. James, Brockley Road Spaghetti, dinner, dancing, "parade of masks"
Italian Dinner — Saturday, Jan. 28, Blessed Sacrament school hall, servings at 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. Reservations Kay Roehrig, 442-2594, Clare Cassidy, 244-4123
Rochester Art Club — Exhibit in main lobby, Nazareth Arts Center, opening at 8 p.m. Feb. 2, to run through Feb. 26
NFP Information Night — Jan. 30 at St. Jerome's, East Rochester, 8:00 p.m. Douglas and Nancy Osborn, trained instructors, to discuss natural family planning. All invited; no registration. Further details 716-464-8705
Spina Bifida Association — With Scoliosis Club, public meeting, 8 p.m. tomorrow, Al Sigi Center cafeteria. Three orthopedic surgeons to speak on scoliosis and answer questions. Information, Mrs. Nancy Cullen, 244-3359.