

# Education and Heritage Blended For Everyone at St. Stanislaus

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If a single word were to be used to describe St. Stanislaus, it would be involvement, for the keynote of this school is participation — not only by the entire student body, but also by parents, faculty, staff and community.

For many years, St. Stanislaus School was known as a Polish school and was, in fact, a bilingual school where both the Polish and English languages were taught as a part of the regular curriculum. A recent survey shows that Polish remains the dominate culture among approximately 20 per cent of the student population. Changing neighborhood patterns and the closing of several city parochial schools have produced a school enrollment of a varied cultural background. Nineteen different ethnic groups are represented among the school children.

To meet the educational needs of the children and to enrich the lives of members of the school community, St. Stanislaus has applied for and received New York State Education Department (NYSID) mini grants. Through these grants special programs have been offered in bilingual reading and proficiency in the English language. The school has recognized the need for not only academic improvement and skill development, but also for understanding and appreciation of its various culture groups. A Multi-Cultural Resource Center which has been added through one of these grants, is utilized

by both pupils and teachers to learn more about each others' heritage and customs.

Through the aid of a grant for this year, pupils will have an opportunity to further enrich their knowledge and appreciation of their own heritage and that of their classmates and to respect — even celebrate — these differences. Parents and community members will be involved with the projects and programs will be incorporated in classroom learning and augmented through special assemblies, guest speakers and educational trips within the Rochester areas. These trips will emphasize the varied cultural background which has built and developed the city of Rochester and its surrounding area. Invitations will be extended to the community to attend the assemblies and to visit the displays of pupil projects.

This is not the only new program that will be offered at St. Stanislaus in the coming months. The school is among those which have been chosen to use the newly developed curriculum on Education for Justice — a program which focuses on attitudes and relationships in the process of bringing about a just society. This basic Christian teaching is a call to witness as individuals and as a community all that Jesus said and did. It is a call for greater awareness of others and their needs. It means to live and love as Jesus taught us.

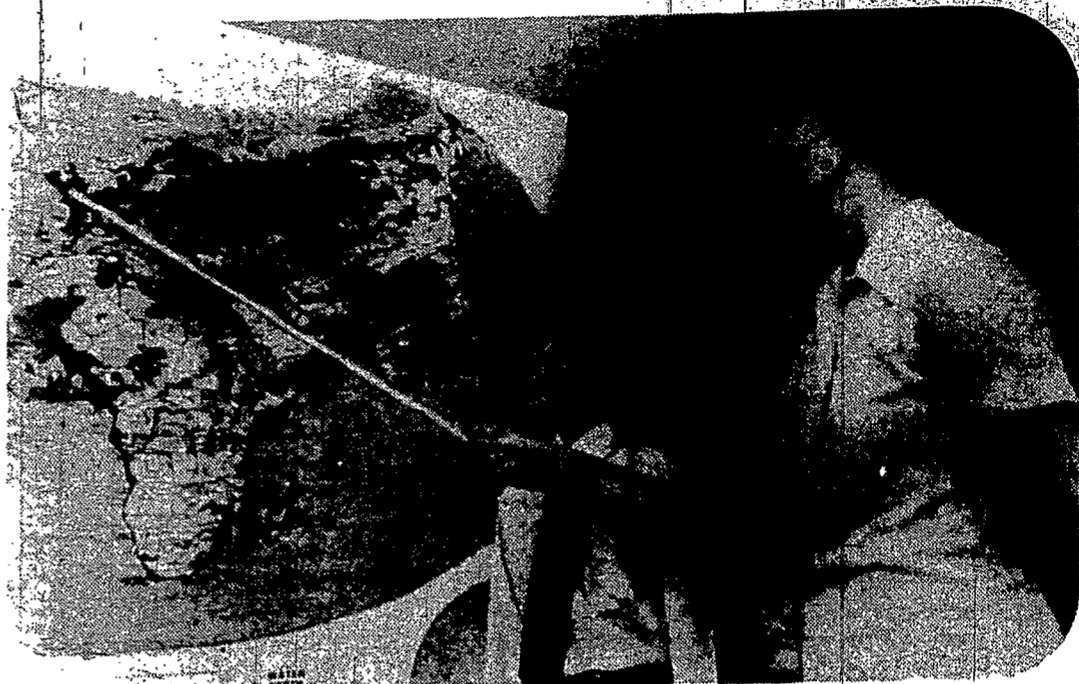
This kind of awareness and resultant action is not a new concept to St. Stanislaus. For many years pupils have given up the traditional exchange of

valentines and parties to spend their money on the games and activities of Mission Day which is organized by the junior high pupils. The profits are sent to the Latin American missions and the children have become acquainted with the needs which their gifts help fill by personal letters, pictures, and visits from some of the missionaries who have received their donations.

As part of the religion program, classes have prepared cards and tray favors for residents of local nursing homes. The school folk group has entertained residents at nearby apartment developments. In cooperation with the parish Human Development Committee, pupils have collected food for baskets for area residents. The children have participated in the parade and poster contest activities of the local community improvement organization.

Parents, high school and college students have helped meet pupil needs through various volunteer programs. Parents and friends of the school have given liberally of their time and energy to help in the classroom, maintain and staff the library, plan extracurricular activities, organize special class trips and coach the sports and cheerleading teams.

Students from St. John Fisher College have helped provide a weekly physical education program while boys and girls from Bishop Kearney High School have aided many pupils through an in-school tutoring program. In past years, seminarians from St. Bernard's have helped with sacramental preparation



Learning about the world and other cultures is an important facet of a St. Stanislaus education. But by the happy smiles of Harry Vasquez (7th grade) and Brian Lennox (5th grade) it's an enjoyable one as well. Here they listen as Sister Brian Madigan, Social Studies teacher, informs them about Ireland.

programs, supplemented the religious education program as participants in a religious education teacher training plan, and have been friend and counselor to both pupils and faculty.

These activities have been given meaning and life through school wide planning and participation in special liturgical and Eucharistic celebrations. First Friday Masses, special feasts and

seasons are enriched by participation of the school children and the attendance of community members.

Recent years have seen an effort in all schools to raise the competency levels in both reading and math. Through a Title I program, St. Stanislaus pupils who have scored low in standardized reading and math tests and live in designated areas, will benefit from the services of a full-time

reading teacher and a part time math teacher. This will give qualifying pupils an opportunity to benefit from individual and small group instruction for improvement in these basic skills.

As the new school year begins, existing programs will widen, new plans will begin, and the awareness and wonder of each others' gifts will be intensified and celebrated.

## AQ Shuffles Coaching Staff

By JOHN DOSER

Dennis Sadler takes over the duties of athletic director at Aquinas Institute this Fall after coaching JV baseball, intramural basketball and intramural hockey for the past six years.

He's an Aquinas graduate from the Class of 1962 who ironically never played for any Little Irish athletic teams.

He went from AQ to St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's Seminary and subsequently elected to pursue a teaching career.

Sadler taught at St. Augustine Elementary School and did graduate work at Brockport State to earn his certification in physical education.

He succeeds Dave Missell as athletic director. Missell returns to the classroom and continues as head soccer coach.

There are two new faces in Aquinas' fall coaching ranks; new head basketball coach Tony Ferrera will assist head football coach Nick Teta and John Pezzulo, another Aquinas grad will help out the Little Irish JV griders.

Rich Pilliter is also assisting Teta at the varsity level and Bob D'Ettore is working with Pezzulo and the JVs.

Missell returns as head soccer coach and Bill Lukaszonas is back as JV soccer coach. Father Mike Wesley, C.S.B., is back for cross country.

Ferrera succeeds Jim Baron as head basketball coach; Ferrera previously taught and coached in the midwest.

Pilliter is back again to handle the Aquinas JV cagers and Sadler is looking for a freshman basketball coach, since John Baynes moved over to Fairport High.

Bill Lukaszonas returns for Aquinas hockey and Bill "Doc" Steffan, recently appointed chairman of the school's board of directors, is assistant hockey coach.

John Pezzulo is the probable head wrestling coach, succeeding Moody Johnson who has moved elsewhere.

Father Mike Wesley is back as the Winter track coach, and

Don Hitchcock is back for varsity swimming.

Pilliter returns as head baseball coach and Sadler's former JV coaching spot is still vacant.

Bob D'Ettore is back for tennis, Bob Lester handles golf as well as the school's public relations — the post formerly held by Bill McCarthy who retired in June.

Charles Maggio returns for varsity track and Jack Ling and Father Wesley are the assistant coaches.

Aquinas finished No. 2 in football in the Rochester area last year to Fairport; the Little Irish were ranked 8th in the state to Fairport's No. 2 state ranking.

Most of the griders from last year's 8-1 team return and Sadler says he'd like to see the Irish in the first sectional finals ever at Holleder Stadium come next November.

The Irish divided the City-Catholic baseball division crown with Cardinal Mooney last Spring and Sadler is optimistic next year's club can do as well.

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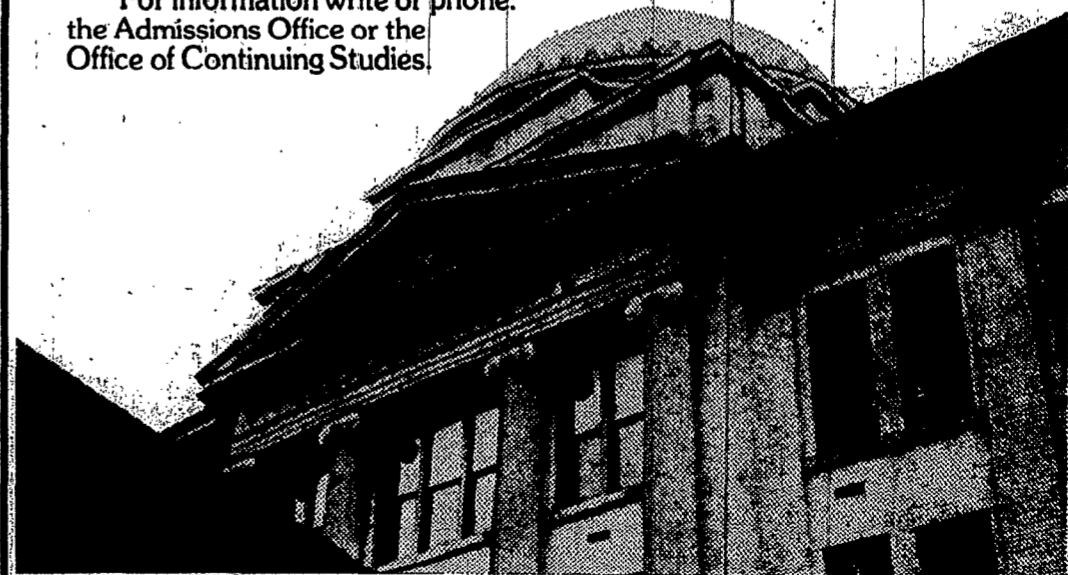
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