

# Catholic Education Is Our Rich Heritage

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At the beginning of a new school year I write to encourage and support all who participate in the life of our Catholic schools.

The process of education invites our young people to enter into a rich experience — that of acquiring a vision of reality which will allow them to grow in freedom, wisdom and grace. Through the collaboration of all involved in Catholic education there is modeled and realized in an unfolding way the Paschal Mystery of Jesus.

Through the gradual development of life convictions and principles of conduct, our young people become more free from internal impulse and external constraint. They are able to realize more fully the joy of foregoing that which is immediate and attractive for that which is far greater but less easily achieved.

By their consideration of human experience, past and present, they begin to acquire the wisdom whereby they can bring lasting principles to bear on the situations and questions of a world which changes so rapidly. They come to know themselves better because they study the lives of those who have gone before them. Through this study they learn that the spirit of the human person remains the same from age to age. It is always prone to sin — and is sometimes sinful — but ever capable of greatness under God.

The spirit of the human person is most alive when it is

## New Math Course Offered At St. Patrick's

Elmira — About 230 students will begin the school year at St. Patrick's Junior High School, according to Sister Joan Cawley, principal.

About 10 eighth graders will be taking part in a new program this year, an advanced Math class. Mrs. Gail Callahan, the Elmira Catholic School System's business manager, who formerly taught Math, will teach the class. The curriculum will be the ninth grade Math course, and students will take the Regents exam at the end of the year, Sister Joan explained. The program also involves cooperation with Notre Dame High School and the local public schools which will accept the credit for those successfully completing the course.

Also in the offering for this year are art and modern language programs, she noted.

activated in the pursuit of that which is lasting, good and for the other.

In the richness of our heritage of Catholic education our young people come to know more fully the Lord Jesus, source and summation of grace and life. Parents, teachers, members of the broader community of faith — all teach our young of the mystery of Christ and His Church. They do this through the communication of the information necessary for sound education today. They do it in the faithful and loving attention they give to family, community and nation. Most perfectly they do it by a life of prayer and worship which has Christ as its center.

To be educated truly and fully in the Roman Catholic tradition is to know Him who is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

## Bath Adds Grade

Bath — Continuing with its commitment to take students through the sixth grade, St. Mary's Academy is adding the sixth grade this year.

Sister Mary Agnes Zimmer, principal, said she expected enrollment to be near 120 when school opens, nearly double that of two years ago, when 68 students attended the school.

Another teacher has been added this year, Mrs. Wilhelmena Carapella, a

If a person's growth in freedom, wisdom and grace in are marks of living the new life of the Risen Lord, we must remember that this will be authentic when we live out also the sacrificial aspect of the Paschal Mystery. What is begun will be brought to completion. In the meantime our pilgrimage continues and we need to accept with joyful spirit the Cross in our lives.

Many challenges face us as we begin a new school year together. I hope that the value of our goals and purpose will sustain us as together we meet them.

To all students and their parents, to all who staff our schools, to all who offer their spiritual or material support, I offer my sincere thanks. You have my daily prayers for the success of your work and a pledge of whatever support it is possible for me to offer you.

## School Begins New Program

Horseheads — Some students from St. Mary Our Mother School will be participating in a "Gateways" program for gifted and talented students this coming year, Sister Catherine, principal, said.

The students, from grades one through six, will participate in the federally funded program at Broad Street School, which adjoins St. Mary Our Mother property.

Nazareth College graduate. This year, sister Mary Agnes explained, grades one, two and three will be self-contained, with one teacher having the students for all classes. Grades four, five and six will be taught by Mrs. Carapella and Mrs. Clare Crowley on a departmentalized basis.

This year marks the fourth straight that the school has not had to replace any faculty, Sister Mary Agnes noted.

About 230 students in grades one through eight will open the year. The school will have three new classroom teachers this year, sister noted, and all eight classroom teachers will be lay persons. A sister will be conducting a new remedial math and reading program for the seventh and eighth grades, she noted.

A Mass opening the school year will be on Friday, Sept. 7.

## Six New Members On St. Agnes Staff

Sister Marie Castagnaro will be the new vice principal over at St. Agnes High School and Sister Sheila Briody will take up the duties of chaplain. Other new staff members include Miss Iacone, who will teach Spanish; W. Kurt Telford, Social Studies; Mrs. Rosemary Mahoney, Math; and Miss Mary Lou Wenthe, Art.

School will open on Sept. 5 with full day sessions scheduled for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Orientation of freshmen will cover six weeks with one session per week and will cover history of school, alma mater, fundraising, study skills, use of time. A faculty family picnic is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 6, after school, in Genesee Valley Park.

The Student Senate will begin the school year with a car wash, Sept. 15, in St. Anne's Church parking lot and Sept. 28 is the date scheduled for Shareholders Day.

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