

Catholic Education Involves Total Community

By Fr. Richard Kinsky
Superintendent

The "back to school" issue of the Courier-Journal must come as a bit of a shock to all of us. I think our first reaction must be, "where did the summer go, anyway?" Yes, it's practically over, isn't it. There's only a few short weeks left until Labor Day weekend and then we start another school year all over again.

What's your personal reaction to the news that a new school year is upon us? It depends, I suppose, on who you are. Students, naturally,

will have a different reaction than teachers. Parents will respond differently than students. Likewise, librarians, coaches, secretaries, principals, pastors and even superintendents. We're all different.

Reeling off all those names of persons connected with our schools illustrates a number of points. First, it takes many different kinds of people to make our schools go. No one questions the presence of students and teachers. But we also have to have secretaries and parents and principals and so on. Catholic schools survive today because of the

continuing support of parents and pastors. They give us the students and more important, the moral support and encouragement which we so often need.

Second, all those involved with schools are humans. True, we all work in and for an institution. But we are real flesh-and-blood humans. A school is not just a bricks-and-mortar building; rather, it is the result of persons com-

binating and cooperating essentially in a human endeavor: the education of youth. Some exercise a more active and energetic role while others are content to serve in other ways. But we all need each other. None should be so presumptuous to believe he or she can do it alone without the help of others.

Finally, there is one name not yet mentioned — Jesus Christ. Christ is the foun-

ation of the whole educational enterprise in a Catholic school. His presence and His power gives new meaning to life and helps us to direct his thought, action and will according to the Gospel. He is there to give us a vision and goal for the school. His being among us gives everyone in the school, students to teachers to principals to pastors, a value and a worth. He has ennobled us all; He gives meaning to

human life; He is the model which the Catholic school offers to its pupils.

So, we are about to start a new school year. What will 1979-80 be like? It ultimately depends on you; what you as students, teachers, parents, etc. bring to the school. Hopefully, Jesus Christ is there, to be communicated and formed by teachers and parents, to be received openly and warmly by students.

Profile Review Of Superintendent

By Joan M. Smith

Affable, quick to smile, easy to talk with, a history enthusiast, confident of his role as Superintendent of the Rochester Diocesan Schools, describes Father Richard Kinsky.

Father was appointed superintendent in May and arrived here in July from Albuquerque, New Mexico where he was principal of Pius X High School. As a native of Rochester, formerly of St. Boniface Parish, he's happy to be back in his hometown and has been busy from the day he returned.

Since taking over the superintendent's office on July 16, Father has been interviewed by Channel 10 and 21, attended a State Education meeting in Albany and began working on the committee planning Catholic Schools Week which begins Oct. 14. Recently, in talking with The Courier-Journal, he noted, "My calendar is filling up," referring to the staff and principal associations' meetings which are in the offing.

Busy or not, however, he was quick to meet with his

Office of Education colleagues, whom he described as "fine support personnel". He also has been acquainting himself with other department heads, "Finding out who these flesh and blood people are," he said and explained that a job is easier when you discover that the people behind the titles "are human beings and capable people."

Though he had only been at his job a few short weeks he already had assessed his employer. "The diocese," he observed, "is very organized," and added he was impressed the system, consisting of departments which were all independent sections of the same pie, worked so well. "It's marvelous," he declared.

Father attended Aquinas Institute, received his BA from St. Michael's College at the University of Toronto, his MA in History from Indiana University and an Education Specialist Certificate from the University of New Mexico. He has taught a Aquinas, Andean High School in Gary, Indiana where he served as vice principal, and Central Catholic in Detroit. He was principal of Pius X from 1971-75.

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Sister Mary Ambrose, principal, noted that the school, has waiting lists for grades four and five, and has

25 students in the kindergarten class.

There have been no changes in faculty from last year, she noted.

An added program this year will be an enrichment course in Math for some eighth graders, she reported.

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