

BK Principal Aims At Spiritual Unity

By Joan M. Smith

A new day is coming for Bishop Kearney High School and according to Brother Brian Walsh, new principal, "It's coming in peace, it's coming in joy and in love." And make no mistake about it, the new day is being engineered by a professional who not only knows the educational field but the school, having served on BK's staff for the past seven years.

In July, when the Courier-Journal talked with him about his goals Brother had yet to take his vacation, was overseeing the reshaping of classrooms for space utilization, had been working on the 1979-80 budget and had conferred with his faculty.

"The one wealth I have," he said, "is my faculty. I supply them with support for their job and they supply me with support for mine."

Brother believes in a working team and likens the cooperation to playing volleyball. "I believe in tossing ideas around," he observed, "but when final decisions have to be reached, I'll be the server."

Brother is a native of Boston, has been a member of the Christian Brothers Order for 17 years and has spent 13 of those years in education. He has a BS in Biology from Iona College in New Rochelle; an MA in secondary education and administration from Seton Hall, New Jersey and an MS from Nazareth College. Before coming to BK, he

served as dean of discipline at Bergen High School in New Jersey. During his years as BK he has taught Science, Theology, chaired the Science Department, coordinated student affairs as well as the advanced college credit program with Brockport, Nazareth and St. John Fisher. He is also president of the Diocesan Pastoral Council.

It is an unusual move for a member of a school's faculty to be appointed principal of that school. It is, however, a credit to Brother's knowledge of and rapport with the BK family and his determination to serve the school's interests, that he was given the go ahead — and he relishes the challenge.

"I respect Catholic education," he declared and added, "I'm happy to give my time and talents to it." — and there is no doubt in his mind that Catholic education is strong. "We're at the stage of not talking about survival, but making it better."

His teaching career has spanned an era which recorded drastic changes in student attitudes. He described the 60s as a time when students fought everything and were always at odds with the faculty. Today he sees students as having inherited an openness and now, along with faculty, are more willing to compromise.

The administrative workload doesn't seem to faze him. Along with curriculum and schedule



BR. BRIAN WALSH

changes, he has been taking a long hard look at financial expenditures and is already initiating preventive maintenance to conserve on electricity, heat and cut down on waste. He will continue to teach, and though is agreeable to tossing around ideas in the classroom, he still remains the server. To educate, there are definite academic formulae which have to be taught and absorbed by students and then — "Discussion when they're knowledgeable," he declared.

Brother sees his primary goals as working on spirit and to make belonging to the BK community a proudfest experience. These aims plus unity will be sought through prayer. He has expanded the liturgical schedule, reinforcing the school year with a spiritual cohesiveness which will be evident on the first day of school when students, faculty and administration join in sharing a time of prayer.

Perhaps the most valuable result of all education is the ability you have to do, when it ought to be done, whether you like it or not; it is the first lesson that ought to be learned; and however early a man's training begins, it is probably the last lesson that he learns thoroughly — Thomas Henry Huxley.

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Special Masses Open BK Year

Freshmen starting at Bishop Kearney this September number 480 which brings the school's total enrollment to 1755 and according to Gerald Farrell, director of Guidance, "That's about where we want to be."

BK faculty and staff will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 4 and the freshmen will report at 8:30 a.m., Wednesday Sept. 5. Juniors will arrive at 8:30 a.m. and seniors at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 6. All classes will report on Sept. 7 but for an abbreviated schedule

ending at 12:30 p.m.

New BK staff members include: Sisters Donita, Math; Ann Xavier, SSJ, Math; Brothers D. Smith, English and Religion; Nardi, English and Religion; Colasuonno, as business manager, chairman of language department and Latin teacher; Costello, Biology and Religion; Cavanaugh, Religion and Social Studies; Kathleen Mahoney, Religion; Karen Sardisco, Art; Mary Ann Tomaselli, Biology and Chemistry; Richard Magere,

History; Sally Neary, IPS; David Riesenberger, Math; John Lowe, language.

September events schedule are: Freshmen parent orientation, Sept. 7, 7:30 p.m.; Masses of the Holy Spirit for the freshmen, Sept. 6 at Christ the King Church; Sept. 17 for the sophomores; Sept. 18 for juniors and Sept. 19 for the seniors.

There will be a Parent Club reception for Brother Brian Walsh, principal, on Tuesday Sept. 11 and Thursday, Sept. 20 begins the Kearney Carnival.



Patriotic Year

Photo by Martin Toombs

Students and the Our Lady of Lourdes principal helped local pastoral staff with the flag blessing. The students are, from left: Susan D'Andrea; Michael Ratchford; Adam Stapleton; Danny Nelson; Kathleen Nelson; Tim Klotz and Jennifer Hoobler. In back: Father Albert Delmonte, St. Anthony's pastor; Father Paul McCabe, Our Lady of Lourdes pastor; Dennis Bonsignore of the Lourdes pastoral staff, and Sister Diane Marie Erskine, the new Lourdes principal.

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Activities: As part of the over-all educational process, the student activity program forms an integral part of school life. Each student is strongly urged to participate and to develop his or her talents in some of the many activities sponsored by the school. There is in athletics a strong intramural program and the school is represented by both boys and girls in many inter-scholastic sports: basketball, softball, tennis, volleyball, soccer, golf and track. In the boys' division there is also baseball, football, hockey and wrestling.

Open House
Sunday: November 4
 1-5

Of the 1725 students in the school, 50% are from Irondequoit, 25% from the City of Rochester, and 25% from other localities throughout The Rochester area.