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### Talent Show

As part of a continuing Lenten program, St. Theodore's School on Spencerport Road featured a talent show presented by fourth grade students for their underclassmen. An admission was charged with all proceeds going to a fund for Frankie Piazza, a six-year-old Gates youth stricken with leukemia. Below, left, helmeted Tracy Hecht tries to convince Noelle Boone as to "Who's on first." Below, right, Aron Yacobucci and Michael Terranna during their magic act. Above, laughter abounds from the audience.



## Alumni Dinner Planned For Aquinas Fund Program

More than 200 alumni of Aquinas Institute are expected at a committee kickoff dinner in the Dewey Avenue high school at 7:30 p.m., Monday, April 6, in a new phase of the school's \$2.5 million fund-raising effort.

Gathering for the dinner will be members of the advance alumni division headed by John Oberlies. They will be visiting fellow alumni during the following two weeks to seek three-year pledges toward the Aquinas development program.

Dr. William M. Stephen, chairman of the school's board of trustees and campaign chairman, has announced that \$331,000 in pledges has been obtained to date through the major and special gifts committees — 26 percent of the campaign's Phase I goal of \$1.25 million. These committees are still

visiting prospects. Frederick R. Krenzer is special gifts chairman.

Heading the committee's divisions are doctors, Dr. Peter R. Stahl; dentists, Dr. William J. Heneghan; lawyers, Lawrence J. Oberlies and Michael J. Duffy; executives, John T. Lagnese; general professions, David F. Miller and Richard F. Crilly; proprietors, E. Robert O'Laughlin and Regis F. Mooney.

Alumni and parents of students have been invited to view a slide show presentation depicting the 55-year history of the school. Titled "The Aquinas Story — Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow," it can be seen at the school's campaign office, from 8 a.m.

to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, or on evenings or weekends by appointment.

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### Acies Ceremony Scheduled

Elmira — The Legion of Mary's annual Acies, or rededication, ceremony will be at 4 p.m., Sunday, April 12 at St. Patrick's Church.

Father John Firpo, St. Mary Our Mother, Horsesheds, associate pastor, will be the speaker for the service. The celebration is for all active and auxiliary members of the Southern Tier Curia, Legion of Mary, and for anyone who wishes to witness the dedication.

A social gathering and refreshments will follow in the parish hall.

### Tournament Planned

The 46th annual Holy Name Bowling Association Tournament is scheduled this year for Saturday, April 25 to Saturday, May 9 at Sunset Lanes, 1317 Chili Ave. Entry closing date is April 11.

Entry fee is \$50 per team and cash prizes of \$2,000, \$1,400 and \$1,000 will be awarded. For reservations those interested may call John Michaloski, (716) 225-4111.

### ALUMNAE RETREAT

The Sacred Heart Alumnae Association will sponsor a Day of Recollection at 10 a.m., Saturday, April 11 at McQuaid High School. Father William McCusker, SJ, will conduct the retreat. A luncheon will be served. Alumnae of the school of the Sacred Heart are asked to make reservations before April 6. Those interested in attending may contact Mrs. Arthur Tierney, (716) 244-1678. Offering is \$6.

### EUCCHARISTIC FOCUS

Focus on the Eucharist devotions will open at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, April 2, in the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception at St. Bernard's Seminary, 2260 Lake Ave. Fathers Robert MacNamara and William Darling will lead the rites which include Evening Prayer, rosary, Mass, adoration, meditation and benediction. The public is invited to all or part of the rites.

### Centering on Service

Division of Education



Semantics often prove to be a source of confusion as we communicate ideas. Our own experiences lead to the interpretation of terms and titles which may be different from that intended.

One such area is that of Catholic Education or Religious Education.

In the Bishops' pastoral, "To Teach as Jesus Did," we are told:

"Catholic Education is an expression of the mission entrusted by Jesus to the Church He founded. Through education the Church seeks to prepare its members to proclaim the Good News and to translate the proclamation into action."

The mission of Religious Education is unfolded and developed through a variety of modes and opportunities. It is the responsibility of the Division of Education to provide services to the various components of Catholic Education in our diocese.

The Department of General Education is

primarily directed to provide services for the strengthening of our Catholic schools. These services range from planning and management to the development of curriculum and materials for quality educational programs.

The Department of Religious Education has the responsibility of providing direction and leadership for the programs offered outside of the school setting. The scope of these services extends to the catechetical needs of our people as they experience growth and development in the life of the Church.

The focus of the Department of Continuing Education is to offer programs for professional enrichment for ministerial staffs serving our parishes and institutions.

As a division, the mission to proclaim the Good News and to translate the proclamation into action is realized especially through qualified and dedicated personnel at parish and diocesan level. All of the departments are engaged in

a program to offer opportunities for updating in theology for our teachers and catechists. We believe that it is essential for those responsible for the teaching of the Word of God to be personally enriched through their own ongoing education.

All of the Departments of Education also participate in policy development and placement of qualified personnel in our parishes. Opportunities for an understanding and appreciation for new programs and trends are provided through annual workshops for parish administrators and coordinators.

Recently, the service for training and assistance to Parish Councils is sponsored through the Division of Education. Cooperation for the training of committee members as well as chairpersons for councils and committees is the key to strong leadership and involvement at parish level.

The challenge to provide for quality religious education programs in our diocese is shared by many who minister in our Church. As we touch the lives of one another through a particular program or contact, may we realize that our moment is but a piece of the mosaic which forms an understanding and love of Jesus through knowledge of His Word!

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