

Equal Time

Will there be Catholic schools for your children to attend?

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JIM MACMILLAN
Senior

"Yes. I think that more and more people are realizing the value of a good Catholic education. You can get a good education in the public schools but a Catholic education incorporates more values. Curriculum is more complete because of the theology classes. I think the Catholic schools will survive the economic situation. I think the cost of education will rise and it will be necessary for government financial aid. I think it is important to have a choice in educational systems. A Catholic education may not be right for everyone and people should have the choice."



STEVE TORTORA
Senior

"I think so. Parents will always want the kids to have a good education and the Catholic schools provide that education. It will be tough for the Catholic schools to survive the economic crunch. They should get government aid because there is a limited number of students Catholic schools can take and the cost is always rising. I think it is important to have a choice of educational systems because some parents don't want their children going to a public school so it is important to have both systems. Kids definitely want a choice and with two systems you also get a different environment."



MARTY LANE
Junior
school play

"I feel that they have lasted this long — both my parents went to Catholic schools — that the Catholic schools will survive into the future. I think they will survive without government financial aid. Parents will be more interested in keeping the Catholic schools going through their financial aid. They will be willing to pay the higher costs. There definitely should be two educational systems. There should be the competition so they offset each other. There should be a choice so different interests can be explored."



PETE BUCKLEY
Senior
school play

"Yes I think so. The Catholic schools have been going a while and will continue. They have the support from alumni who appreciated their education they received. I don't think direct government financial assistance is necessary but something like a tax credit break would be helpful. Parents want to see the Catholic schools survive so they will pay the cost. There are 800 examples here. It is important to maintain two school systems. They are both important for what parents want for their children educationally."



MARK DOYLE
Junior
hockey

"Yes, definitely, because there are a lot of people who want Catholic schools because they believe in them. They will give up things to send their kids to Catholic schools. Maybe there should be government assistance for people who can't afford sending their children to Catholic schools but there shouldn't be a huge funding. People who are interested in Catholic education will keep it going financially. The people should have their choice of where to send their children. Having a choice in educational systems is better than only having one system."



DAN HOLLAND
Senior
school play

"Definitely. I think right now there is a trend where people are realizing that Catholic schools, especially in Rochester, are providing a better education for the kids and I think the Catholic schools will continue into the future. Kids who go to Catholic schools, grow up and have children and send them to Catholic schools. They will be willing to make the financial sacrifice to keep the Catholic schools going. It would be nice to have government aid but I don't think it will determine if the Catholic schools survive. We definitely should have a two educational system because basically you have to pay for a private school education and some people can't afford it plus people have different religions and backgrounds."



Rap Around

Joan M. Smith, Editor



Winner's Circle

RapAround weekly will run a photo of a group of students taken somewhere in the diocese. One person will be circled and if that person brings the clipping to the Courier-Journal before noon of the Tuesday following our publication date, he or she will receive \$5. This week's photo was taken at Our Lady of Mercy High School. The person circled should bring the clipping to Joan M. Smith, Courier-Journal, 114 South Union St., by noon, Tuesday, Jan 31, to receive \$5.

A Computer That Sings?

Nazareth Academy students use the school computers for a variety of purposes. They learn to program, to do their homework, write letters, to do accounting procedures and search for information. Recently, however, the students have been serenading a computer, and they are being sung to in return.

Sister Donna Marie Cucci, Nazareth music teacher, has been teaching her music theory students an easy way to compose music, using an Apple IIE computer. Students enter their composition. The monitor displays a music staff for the students to enter key signature, time and the individual notes and then the computer sings back

what the composition sounds like.

"It's a lot easier than using a piano keyboard," comments music student Peggy Goodman. "You can correct and edit without having to erase and you get the sound of a particular composition played back in the correct key and with the time signature you've selected," she con-

tinued, and explained that a piece can be stored indefinitely on a diskette.

"I like that part," commented Sister Donna, "because I can play back the students' work at any time and correct it."

The music department has invested in several software packages in order to expand the present program.

The students need to see that the uses of a computer are endless," explained Sister Jeanne Agnes Michaud, who is currently compiling the library's collection on a computer.

"Who knows!" exclaimed Sister Donna, "we might someday have a computer concert!"

TV Actor Gives Advice

Joseph Talarowski, father of Anne Maier, an English instructor at Our Lady of Mercy, recently visited the school and spoke to several English classes. He discussed filmmaking, acting, and TV production.

Talarowski, former head of SUNY at Brockport's theatre department, played a Russian medical doctor on ABC's General Hospital in November. According to a school news release he is presently working in Hollywood and has formed Stefricka Productions which is making an animated Christmas film.

Besides his General Hospital appearance, Talarowski has appeared in Lou Grant, Archie Bunker's Place, and Sanford and Son.



Bishop Blesses Rings

Bishop Matthew H. Clark visited Bishop Kearney High School for the annual blessing of the rings for the junior class. Left, Bishop Clark hands out one of the more than 200 rings to the Class of 1985. Above, one of the bishop's duties of the day is the honor of being among the first to give the ring a turn, which must be done 85 times for the class year.



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