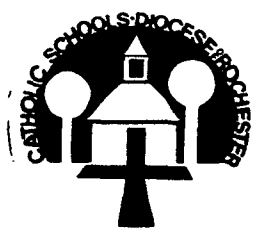




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On Tuition Subsidies

To help the most economically poor to receive the benefits of Catholic school education, the Diocesan Tuition Subsidy Fund was established in 1976-77. Fifteen thousand dollars were allotted that year by the diocese. Now the fund is over \$100,000 but as the economy has worsened so has the need for tuition assistance. In 1983 there were 793 applicants from our 75 elementary schools and 8 high schools. Three-hundred-and-sixty-five awards were made while 203 applicants who fit criteria to receive subsidies had to be cut because of a budget over-run of some \$80,000.

The main funding comes through the Bishops'

Thanksgiving Appeal. The General Education Office is also seeking to involve black churches to help students who are attending Catholic Schools in much the same way as Catholic parishes without schools help to subsidize students in a neighboring parish school.

The Christian values being passed on to students is the key to the schools' success. The trust and hope instilled helps students to venture beyond the limits set by society. Tuition subsidy program, adopt a student program, tuition tax credits - the Catholic schools are in need of help in whatever way it is constitutionally sound.



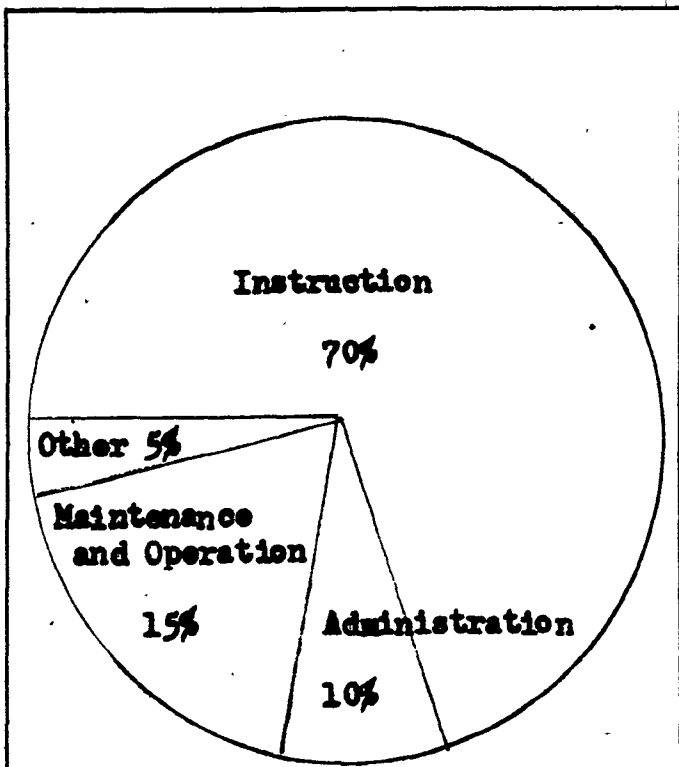
Buddies

St John of Rochester, Fairport, has a buddy system through which seventh and eighth graders have a buddy in the kindergarten, first or second grades. They get together before and during school and for special parties. The older children also accompany their young buddies to Mass on holy days. Above, one buddy helps another.



Neighborhood Roundup

The students of St. Rita's School in West Webster collected 32,000 bottles and cans during a three month bottle and can drive. The proceeds, \$1,600, are being used to build a play ground at the school. Shown collecting the empty bottles in their neighborhood are Marce May, Lise Burton, Cory May, and Michael Burton.



Budgets

This is the time of year that school boards and finance committees are putting together school budgets for 1984-85. The chart shows diocesan averages of how money is spent in the schools. In general, salaries and utilities make up 90 percent of each budget.

Stretching the Mind

What do mousetraps, Moby Dick and Camelot have in common? If you asked students at St. Salome School in Irondequoit, they could give you a speedy reply; they are all problems in the Olympics of the Mind competition.

Olympics of the Mind is a world-wide competition designed to utilize creative problem solving skills in the solution of a variety of long range problems ranging from constructing a vehicle powered by a mousetrap to creating a new chapter for the novel "Moby Dick," com-

plete with artwork, photographic slides and a "live" performance of the production!

Mary Skvorak, seventh grade teacher at St. Salome's, is coordinating the program this year. The school will enter three teams in the contest to be held Saturday, March 24 at Gates-Chili Junior High School. At the competition, St. Salome's will compete against other teams in the area. Winners will compete in a state competition and then those winners will go on to the world finals.

Students' Goal: Service

The Service Club, a unique form of student government at St. Patrick's Junior High School in Elmira, provides a means for students to dedicate themselves to service, one of the main goals of Catholic education. Activities at the school are planned by committees. Membership on individual committees rotates among the student body periodically, giving students opportunities to fulfill their commitment to the school, while providing leadership potential for any student who desires it.

The Human Development Committee, for example, has as its immediate goal challenging the students not only to serve the school, but also to live out their witnessing by giving service to their family, neighborhood, parish, and world. This

particular committee received city-wide recognition in the local newspaper, the Elmira Star-Gazette, for helping needy families at Christmas.

The faculty, parents, and students also work at building faith, and living community at St. Patrick's. The students have found that they can achieve these three goals of Catholic education when they work toward one goal, namely to make St. Patrick's different where it counts as a Catholic Junior High School.

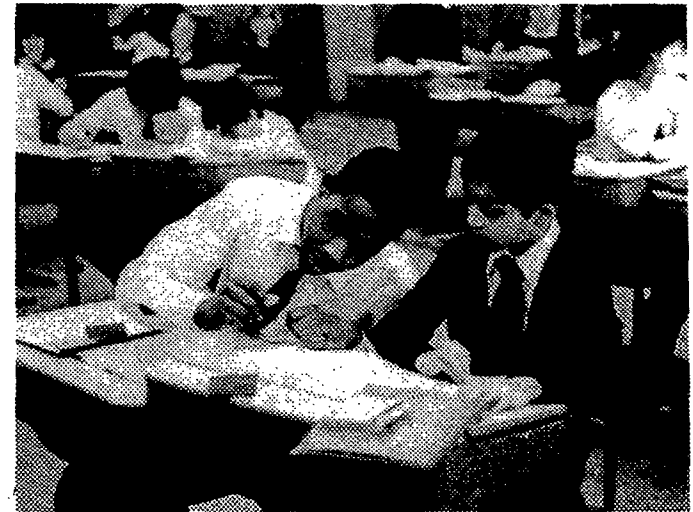
A Call To Respond

On Feb. 14, the students at St. John the Evangelist on Humboldt Street celebrated "Justice Day". They began the day with a special prayer service at church where the message of "love one another" was expressed through Scripture readings, songs and the Beatitudes. The students made Valentine cards to be taken to the Blossom, Cedarwood and Pinnacle nursing homes.

Music in Our Schools

Every Monday afternoon the school halls resound with the beat of the drums as the St. Charles Borromeo School Band begins another practice

session. The band, under the direction of Eloise Hubbel, is looking forward to marching in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Rochester.



Helping Each Other

St. Theodore's School in Gates recently sponsored a Day of Sharing when students of all ages shared their talents and ideas with each other. Above, Alfred Thomas, seventh grade, shares his experiences with Gilbert Rodriguez, third grade.

A Parent's View

By Jean Gilbert, President Rochester Federation Of Catholic School Parents

The New York State Federation of Catholic School Parents annual convention is March 30, 31 and April 1 in New York City. A conference for parents to celebrate the state federation's 10th anniversary has been planned. Seminars, luncheons, dinners and other activities have been scheduled at the Hotel Roosevelt in New York City at a cost of about half of what it would ordinarily cost for a weekend in New York. Nationally known speakers will address a

variety of topics including: "Catholic Education in the Nineties," "Keeping Catholic Schools Catholic," "State Services to Pupils in Catholic Schools," "The Computer and the Catholic Family," "Helping Parents Communicate with Their Children on Human Sexuality," and "Parent Power in the Political Process," to mention only some.

We encourage all parents to take advantage of this convention. For more details contact your federation liaison, school principal or call Jean Gilbert (225-2714).

Contest Brings Cheers

Seneca Falls -- The Sports Committee of St. Patrick's sponsored their fifth annual cheerleading tournament for neighboring schools. St. Patrick's took first place, St.

Alphonsus of Auburn won second place, and St. Hyacinth came in third place.

St. Patrick's cheerleading coach is Mrs. Rose Perdicco.



Creative Fun

Pupils at St. Mary's School in Auburn enjoy their new creative playground. The wooden structure, designed by Robert S. Leathers of Ithaca from ideas and drawings of the pupils, was built in one weekend by school families, parishioners, and friends.