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Diocesan Schools Receive Wilson Grant of \$75,000

Bishop Matthew H. Clark announced today that the board of managers of the Marie C. and Joseph C. Wilson Foundation has awarded a grant of \$75,000 to the Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester, Inc.

This is the initial grant received by the recently incorporated diocesan foundation.

It is to be used for tuition subsidy for students attending Catholic schools within the diocese. This grant will help children from middle income families who have requested tuition assistance.

According to Sister Roberta Tierney, SSND, director of the Division of Education, the diocese this year received some 745 applications for assistance in the 1984-85 school year. With funds collected through the annual Thanks Giving Appeal, more than 500 families will receive subsidies totaling some \$165,000.

"It is expected that more than 200 families will be able to receive financial help for

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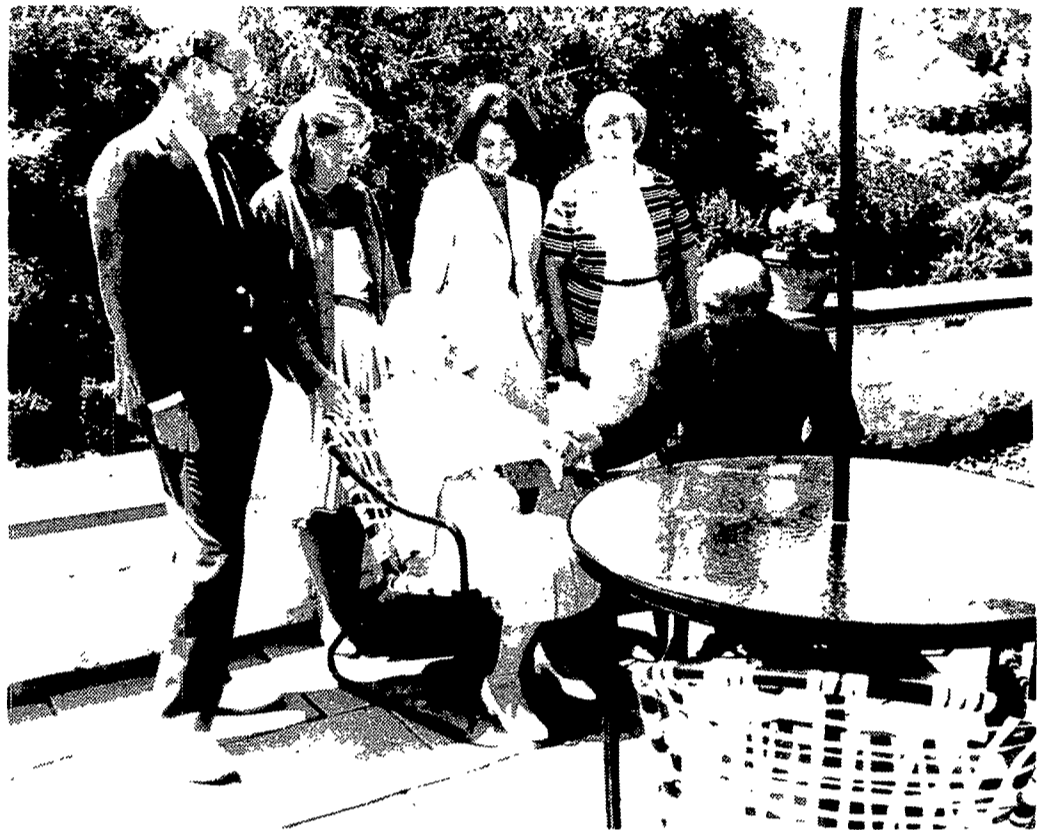


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Bishop Matthew H. Clark thanks Mrs. Joseph C. Wilson for the foundation's grant to the diocese. Standing, from left, are her son, J. Richard Wilson; daughter, Katherine Wilson Roby; Ruth Fleischmann, executive director of the foundation; and Sister Roberta Tierney, SSND, diocesan director of education.

Diocese Sets Up Fund Foundation

Bishop Matthew H. Clark has announced the establishment of the Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester, Inc.

The purpose of the foundation is to act as a vehicle for receiving donations in support of an individual parish, parish pastoral programs, and/or diocesan ministerial programs. The foundation has been initiated to receive both restricted and unrestricted gifts from individual persons, corporations, businesses or other foundations.

Donations to the foundation may be in many forms including real estate, gifts of income, bequests in wills and tax advantaged deferred gifts to the parish or the diocese which provide lifetime income to the donor. In all cases, the donor's expressed intention will be honored.

Bishop Clark is in the process of reviewing nominations for the appointment of nine lay people to join with the chairperson of the Diocesan Finance Council as the ten

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Holiday Schedule

Because of the July 4 holiday, the Courier-Journal deadline for that issue will be noon, June 27. As is the custom, the newspaper office will be closed the week of July 1 and no issue will be published July 11.



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Holy Childhood's Last Day

The School of the Holy Childhood celebrated the last day of school at its Buffalo Road address with a picnic and the release of more than 300 balloons last Tuesday. The school will reopen in the fall at the old Gillette School in Rush. More photos, Page 4.

Nazareth Academy Lauded By National Panel of Peers

Nazareth Academy announced last Wednesday that it "was notified today that it is one of 61 schools chosen for recognition by the Exemplary Private School Recognition Project. The project was begun by the United States Department of Education in conjunction with the Council for American Private Education and endorsed by the National Catholic Education Association."

National Catholic News Service reported that 60 schools received the awards.

Nazareth was named one of 119 national finalists in March and, following an evaluation in May, the national project committee stated that "we have confirmed the Nazareth Academy is a distinctive school worth of receiving national recognition," the release said.

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60 Schools Honored

According to National Catholic News Service in Washington, Catholic schools made up more than half of the 60 private high schools across the United States which were cited as exemplary June 18 by the Council for American Private Education.

Of 60 private high schools honored under the council's Exemplary Private School Recognition Project, 33 were Catholic, including Nazareth Academy of Rochester.

Schools were judged on their ability to aid students "intellectually, creatively, developmentally, artistically," said CAPE president Robert L. Smith. They also were judged for helping students "as growing human beings -- their values, their goals, their character, what they believe in, where they are going and why and how," Smith said.

The project was open to the more than 6,000 private high schools across the

country, of which 358 applied. The top 60 featured a cross-section of secondary education in the United States, from traditional denominational schools to vocational schools to one school for native Americans.

Applications were judged by screening committees made up of educators from participating school organizations. Site visits were then recommended for the remaining 119 high schools and were conducted April 1-May 22. Reviews were returned to the education council, which consulted with another advisory panel, and final recommendations were made.

The high number of Catholic schools receiving awards was not overly significant, Smith said, because Catholic schools constitute nearly half of all private schools and enroll about 60 percent of private school

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