

# Nazareth Bishop's Mass To Open Year

Bishop Matthew H. Clark will preside at the opening liturgy for students and faculty of Nazareth Academy 9 a.m., Sept. 10.

A faculty orientation will take place at the school Sept. 4-5; freshmen and juniors will report on Sept. 6; and all students will have a half-day on Sept. 7.

On the calendar this year are several activities, among them:

A special meeting of the Parents' Association, 7:30 p.m. in the library. The association will also hold a special welcoming dinner for freshmen, new upperclassmen and parents, 6:30 p.m., Sept. 19 in the cafeteria.

An Octoberfest is planned for 5:30 p.m.-midnight, Sept. 28. A chicken dinner will be served until 7:30 p.m. Take out is available. Dinner prices are \$3.50, adults; \$3, senior citizens over 65; and \$2 for children. Tickets are available at the main office. The Crazy Firemen will perform.

The next day a new program will begin, the "Academy of Dance at Nazareth," headed by Sister Mary Ellen Campbell.

Sister Mary Ellen recently received her MA in dance from SUNY Brockport and she will teach classes in modern technique, jazz technique, improvisation and dance meditation.

According to Sister Elaine Englert, SSJ, principal, the school's theme this year will be "A People of Hope, A People of Peace."

Citing the U.S. bishops' pastoral letter, "The Challenge of Peace: God's Promise and Our Response," which states, "We share with you our deepest conviction that in the midst of the dangers and complexities of our time God is with us, working through us and sustaining us in all our efforts of building a world of peace with justice for each person," Sister Elaine asked Nazareth parents, students and friends, "Let us find ways of being more aware of the Lord working in our everyday lives."

"We at the academy have a tradition of 113 years of

building peace within our school community. We attempt to do this through a mutual respect, one to another. As our 114th year begins we hope to continue to be just—in our own personal lives, within our families, our workplaces, our general school and neighborhood communities. We hope that this sense of being just will make us more peaceful within so that we can share the peace-fullness that Jesus can give.

"We look to the Lord to help us to mend the brokenness in our lives personally and communally, only in the small ways can we ever have hope of building peace in the bigger ways of society, our country and the world around us."

"We as administrators, teachers and staff," she wrote, "pledge ourselves to be peace-makers in our school community so that we can reach out and make peace with all our brothers and sisters no matter how close or how far away they may be. We appreciate your attempts for peace, not violence; building, not tearing down; laughing, not crying as we trust the Lord's working in our lives of daily-ness."

Sister Elaine again cited the pastoral letter, which states, "Parents who consciously discuss issues of justice in the home and who strive to help children solve conflicts through non-violent methods enable their children to grow up as peacemakers."

## Believe In Schools And Get Involved!

By Jean S. Gilbert

There can be no happiness if the things we believe in are different from the things we do.


The Rochester Federation of Catholic School Parents believes in parents and in Catholic Schools. This year we celebrated 10 years of work and service to Catholic parents in New York State and in Rochester. We promote the philosophy that parents have been appointed by God to be the primary educators of their children. In order to fulfill this awesome responsibility, parents must become partners in education with their schools. The Rochester federation provides the support system and information needed to help you become involved parents. Recently we sponsored a leadership workshop to help school boards, home school associations and principals better understand their roles and relationships. We are involved in legislative activity at the federal, state and local level. We print a monthly newsletter to help keep you better informed. We serve on various diocesan committees where parent representation is appropriate. Oct. 6 will mark our fifth annual Marathon for Catholic Schools. The 1983 marathon raised \$111,000. The marathon provides our Catholic parents with an opportunity to raise funds for special school projects and to show off our schools and our children — our Catholic schools are alive and well and growing!



Jean Gilbert

We at the Rochester Federation of Catholic School Parents ask that you not only "believe" in Catholic schools but become involved in your Catholic school. I look forward to the many challenges that lie ahead for us in the 1984-85 school year. The federation is here to serve you. Help us to help you — call us with problems or ideas for newsworthy items. Happy parenting!

Ms. Gilbert is president of the Rochester Federation of Catholic School Parents.

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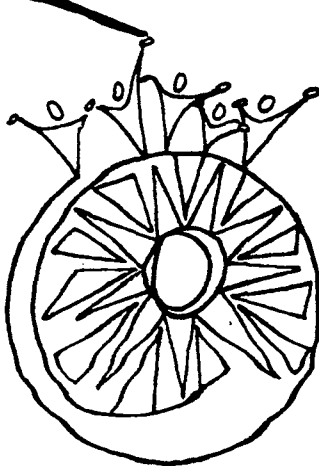
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and reaching out  
I touched  
the hand  
of God."  
Author Unknown

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