New Life, New Growth Seen in Catholic Schools

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Exciting things happen in our Catholic schools even in the summer! Seven school communities are having construction of some sort this vacation time.

Three are building computer rooms, in one school a science lab will be expanded, another is building a resource room and one is going to put in a new playground. And several schools are adding a primary grade. In the midst of declining enrollments in some areas these are encouraging signs.

Many of the principals in our 8 high schools and 75 elementary schools are taking "refresher" courses this summer at Fordham, Dayton

Canandaigua **Pupils Get** Career Month

Canandaigua — May was "Career Month" for fifth and sixth graders at St. Mary's School.

Each week during the month the children learned about the world of work through 'slide presentations, demonstrations and dealing with local professionals. Guest speakers spoke on such career choices as nutritionists, mechanics, computer technicians, law enforcement officers, florists, lawyers, medical personnel and newspaper publishers.

Each speaker presented an overview of his or her career and showed the children how various aspects of their present education helps in preparation for future life goals.

Each student prepared an in-depth written report to demonstrate the knowledge gained from the experience. The program also helped the students to understand the role of individuals in creating a just society.

and other locations. About 30 teachers will be finishing master's degrees. So you thought teachers had summers free? Many also teach in summer programs or work at

iobs other than teaching. The new Regents Action Program will be followed closely by the private school administrators. Some of the action steps are already in place in our schools. About 20 elementary schools are already offering a second language to students. many have career awareness programs. Physical education programs have been expanded. There are interdisciplinary projects, talented and gifted programs and pre-kindergarten programs in many of the Catholic schools.

Computer programs are also taking strong hold. Twenty schools have a fulltime computer teacher. Many have part-time volunteers. Although in most schools even the pre-kindergarten pupils have time at the computer, the stress is computer literacy in seventh and eighth grade. The ratio at this level is one computer for about 15 students, so there is real opportunity for "hands



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Aquinas Report:

New Principal Greets Students

open its doors Sept. 5. The Freshmen and Sophomore classes will arrive at the school on Dewey Avenue that day for an orientation session.

The Juniors and Seniors will arrive at school Sept. 6 for their orientation; and the entire student body will report for a half day's runthrough of the schedule on Sept. 7. The full-day sessions start Sept. 11.

The students will be greeted by a new principal, Father Steven Martin, CSB, a graduate of the school, and a former teacher and librarian

Bishop Matthew H. Clark will celebrate the Mass of the Holy Spirit Sept. 12; and the school's annual magazine drive will begin six days later.

An open house for eighth

Aquinas Instititue win graders and their parents is slated for 7-9 p.m., Oct. 23: and parent/teacher evenings are set for Nov. 5 and 6. The Drama Club is presenting "Arsenic and Old Lace," Nov. 16, 17 and 18.

> The sports season actually begins this month with practice. The first football game, however, is Sept. 15 against Franklin.

The four home games this year are: Sept. 22 against McQuaid; Sept. 29 against Mooney; Oct. 6 against East; Oct. 20 against Kearney. The Aquinas-Kearney game will be the homecoming game, which will include crowning of the homecoming queen.

Boys Varsity Soccer will start Sept. 7 against Geneseo. Girls Varsity Soccer in the Webster Tournament will start Sept. 5.



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