

Teachers

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"They are treating me as a professional," she said. "I don't think I was ever treated as a professional in the Catholic system."

Delehanty charged that diocesan officials stifled efforts by a group of teachers to support and communicate with one another through last year's short-lived newsletter, "Teacher to Teacher," and "squelched" attempts to establish a teachers' association or even a labor union.

In response, Sister Joseph Gilmory denied that diocesan officials squelched anything. Leaders of the group wanted to publish something that was inaccurate, she said, and "the whole thing fell apart" in the midst of an attempt to clarify the problem.

In the meantime, Brother Brian Walsh, CSC, who replaced Sister M. Edwardine Weaver as diocesan school superintendent, has addressed most of the group's concerns, according to Sister Joseph Gilmory. In particular, he is recommending a process for dialogue between principals and teachers in the City of Rochester as a model for use throughout the diocese.

Delehanty believes that the diocese could offer competitive salaries for teachers by tapping its financial resources and by operating fewer schools on a regional basis. "I don't think it's necessary to have one (school) associated with every parish. It's better to maintain 25 superior schools than to have 50 that can't be superior," she said.

"Even the new pay scale is still 20 years behind the public schools," she added. "If they don't (match public school teachers' salaries), they should consider closing down. Otherwise you're going to have unqualified teachers teaching."

Whether the money is channeled through the diocese or comes direct from tuition, LiCursi noted, higher teaching salaries still come out of the pockets of parishioners and parents.

"You can't separate their interests from those of the students," he said. "If parents are making sacrifices, then why shouldn't I? They realize and I realize that what we're doing is not going unappreciated."

LiCursi insists that the diocese has made progress on teachers' wages and benefits. "They are addressing the problems," he said. "It may not be as much as some people think they should do, but they're doing something, and you can't say that about every system."

Brenda Monaghan agreed that the diocese made progress during her nine-year tenure at Corpus Christi, but not enough to stake her future on staying there.

While she appreciated the addition of a new health insurance option last year, Monaghan termed the pension plan "a joke."

"You had to stay ten years to be vested," she said. "Last year, I looked at what my retirement would be and it was something like \$265 a year. I thought 'What am I going to do when I get old, starve to death?' I knew I had to get into something else while I was still young enough for it to make a difference."

This year, Monaghan teaches third grade at School No. 28 on Humboldt Street. Her class there is twice the size of the one she taught at Corpus Christi last year, and she's obliged to do "a lot more paperwork." But if the workload has doubled, so has her salary. Meanwhile, her high blood pressure is no longer a problem.

"I miss Corpus (terribly) and the people I worked with. I cried when I left," she said. "But this year, I don't even think about money. When I told Sister Eileen (Corpus Christi principal Sister Eileen Daly) I had an offer, she said 'Bren, you've got to do it.'"

Neighbors



Dennis Culhane, a 1981 graduate of Cardinal Mooney High School, will be one of three U.S. representatives to speak at the University of Hamburg in West Germany at an international symposium on homelessness. The symposium, entitled "Affordable Housing: From Participation to Self-Help and Shelter for the Homeless," is scheduled for September, 1987.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Culhane of Greece, Dennis now lives in Boston, where he serves as the national director of Technical Assistance in Organizing for the National Union of Homeless People, an organization comprised of representatives from eight unions across the country. In Hamburg, he will present a paper entitled "Homelessness and the Conditions for Meaningful Shelter."

Shelly Clements, a Nazareth Academy graduate, is one of three women honored by the University of Rochester for their contributions to student life.

A junior majoring in political science, Clements has been awarded the Susan B. Anthony Scholarship, honoring her leadership and commitment to such campus groups as the Black Students' Union and the search committee for an associate dean of students.

The University of Rochester Women's Club established the scholarship in 1978 to provide outstanding students with financial aid.

Clements is the daughter of Sheila D. Clements of Rochester. She plans to attend law school after graduation.

Members of the newly reactivated St. Leo's Council Knights of Columbus of Hilton received their charter at a banquet February 13 at the Salmon Creek Country Club.

Installed at the banquet were: Timothy Parsons, grand knight; George D. Herbert, deputy grand knight; Father Chester M. Kloczek, chaplain; Joseph C. Puceta Sr., chancellor; Roy J. Kanous, recorder; Larry D. LeBlanc, financial secretary; James F. Lincoln, treasurer; Charles L. Steiger, advocate; John J. Niziurski, lecturer; Charles D. Morgante, warden; Fred J. Merkel, inner guard; Donald R. Yockel, outer guard; and Michael Tarkulich, Gordon P. Barnes and Aloysius C. Kellman, trustees.

Margaret R. and Adrian J. Burke continued a family tradition by winning admission to the New York State Bar Association in Buffalo recently.

The brother and sister join their father, John Burke, and two siblings, Patrick J. and Molly B. Burke, who also practice law.

A graduate of Bishop Kearney High School, the University of Notre Dame, and the University of Buffalo College of Law, Margaret Burke is an associate with a Buffalo law firm.

Adrian Burke graduated from the Choate School, the University of Rochester, and the University of Syracuse College of Law. He works for the Monroe County District Attorney's office.

Their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Burke, are parishioners at St. John the Evangelist Church.



Preschoolers at St. Thomas the Apostle School celebrate love on Valentine's Day with a "Pass God's Love Around" party.

With assistance from teachers Janis Cashette and JoAnn Carey, the children serve refreshments and entertain their families with songs that convey messages of love.

Above, Cashette helps Alyson Carney put the finishing touches on her valentine.

Earlier this month, students and families at St. Thomas celebrated Catholic Schools Week with a family Mass, coffee hour, Grandparents' Day and a songfest. The Home School Association will also treat children to an ice cream party February 13.

Youthatre auditions set for 'Miracle Worker'

Youthatre at Nazareth College will hold auditions for the principal roles of Helen Keller and Annie Sullivan for the spring production of "The Miracle Worker."

Young actresses between the ages of 10 and 20 or invited to audition for the role of Helen Keller. Actresses from 17 to 35 years of age are welcome to audition for the part of Annie Sullivan. Both positions will be paid. Each auditioner must have a three-to-four-minute monologue prepared.

Auditions, which are by appointment only, can be scheduled at various times on February 12, 13, 16, 17 and 18.

Appointments may be made by calling

Nancy Peet at (716) 586-2483.

Auditions for the rest of the cast are scheduled for March.

Monthly alcoholism seminar nears at St. Joseph Hospital

The monthly alcoholism seminar will take place in Classroom #2 of the Dunn Memorial Building in St. Joseph's Hospital, 555 E. Market St., Elmira on Thursday, February 19, at 12:15 p.m.

Dr. Peter R. Manes will discuss DSM-III diagnoses and use of the axes.

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