

Features

Share the Spirit: Catholic Schools' Week 1988!

Dear reader,

Happy Catholic Schools' Week!

The theme of the 1988 celebration of our schools that are Catholic — Catholic in teaching, Catholic in practice, Catholic in tradition — is "Share the Spirit," a theme that is rich in tradition.

Catholic schools share the spirit present in them by fostering, sharing and celebrating the signs that the Holy Spirit is in our midst: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Catholic schools share the spirit by teaching and infusing into all activity an awareness of the gifts of the Holy Spirit: wisdom, knowledge, understanding, counsel, fortitude piety and fear of the Lord.

Catholic Schools share the spirit of the Lord in the world of 1988 by inculcating in students, faculty, parents and parishes an orientation to hope and that the problems of today — such as war and the lack of adequate food and shelter — can find a solution in the Lord Jesus.

Catholic schools share the spirit with all who visit them. It is a spirit of learning, discipline, community and service. Have you visited a Catholic school lately? Please do so. come, share the spirit!

Brother Brian M. Walsh, CFC
Superintendent of Schools

Spirited events mark Catholic Schools' Week

Students at Our Mother of Sorrows School, 1777 Latta Road, Rochester, have been kept busy all week with a variety of fun events in celebration of Catholic Schools' Week. Each day, students will participate in events, ranging from creating banners, study of saints, citizenship day, a project demonstrating appreciation for school volunteers, and a special "Share the Spirit" Mass.

Over in Pittsford, St. Louis School has also scheduled a potpourri of activities. On Monday, Feb. 1, students kicked off the week by wearing original hats to school.

On Thursday afternoon, students staged a talent show, and on Friday, the student body participated in a school Mass followed by a special lunch.

On Friday, Feb. 5, magician Joe Guinto will close the week's celebrations with two performances.



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SHARE THE SPIRIT — Third graders Jennifer Pringle and Ricky Bartlett (above) test a science project built by members of their class at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Brockport. At right, sixth grader Danielle Cumberledge pieces to together a dinosaur. Older students at the Brockport school shared various academic projects with younger grades throughout Catholic Schools' Week. The national celebration, which was instituted by the National Catholic Education Association of Washington, D.C., is an annual event created to develop an awareness the schools' education, programs and activities in local communities.



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My dear people,

As we begun our celebration of National Catholic Schools' Week, we look to the theme given to us — "Share the Spirit!" What is the spirit in which we are invited to share?

It is a spirit of the Gospel message. The challenge of our schools is to bring the Good News to all. In his address to Catholic educators in September, 1987, our Holy Father, Pope John Paul II, stated, "I heartily encourage you to continue to provide quality Catholic education for the poor of all races and national backgrounds, even at the cost of great sacrifices."

The spirit of the Gospel message must permeate the entire atmosphere of the Catholic school. Religion in our schools is more than just a subject that is taught; it is an integration of faith and learning that prepares our young people to be responsible members of our community in Church and society. It gives them the motivation and desire to reach out to others in greater need.

Today, the schools in our diocese are faced with the difficult task of how to continue to offer those quality Catholic programs in a time of increasing costs and limited resources. Once again, I call upon all the people in our diocese to enter into the search for clear direction and good stewardship as we design our Catholic schools for the next century.

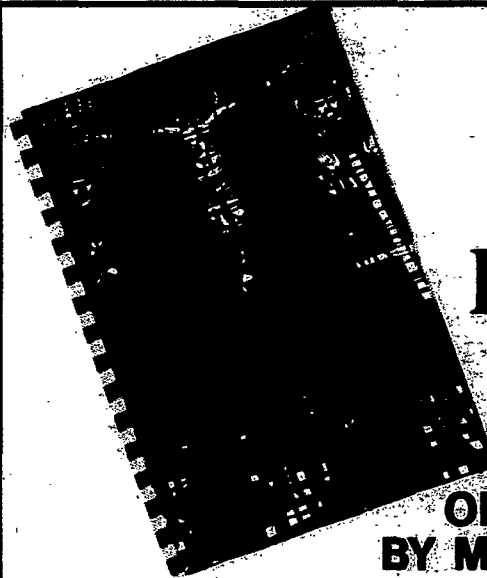
My congratulations and prayers to our pastors, parents, faculty members and students who celebrate the spirit and successes of our schools in a very special way during this week!

With every blessing, I remain,

Your brother in Christ,

† Matthew H. Clark
Bishop of Rochester

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