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ing a \$20 million Catholic school endowment fund.

"I think that endowment is something the diocesan Catholic schools really need to look into," said Judith Shaw, who represents St. Anne's Parish in the Southeast Quadrant. "So many educational institutions have flourished because they have had an endowment. There are people out there who would put their money toward that (purpose)."

As some diocesan administrators — including the diocesan development director — seek new sources for funding Catholic schools, others are searching for ways to cut educational costs.

Tuition pricing is among the issues Jack Trickey, diocesan director of financial services, expects to address when he presents options for system-wide financial reform to quadrant planning boards this October.

Although members of the Financial Task Force who developed the options strongly favored the concept of geographical clusters or quadrants, Trickey's recommendations will tend to deal with Monroe County as a whole.

The Financial Task Force's April, 1987, report did not favor uniform Catholic school tuition. However, tuition is likely to be standard within quadrants. And since differences in tuition pricing among quadrants might weaken schools in a quadrant forced to charge a higher tuition, one single tuition rate throughout Monroe County might "make more sense logistically," Trickey explained.

Task force members also recommend that families' resident parishes continue to be responsible for tuition collection — not only to maintain the parish's fund raising role in school support, but also because parish staffs are more effective in recruiting parents who opt to pay part or all of the cost of their children's Catholic school education rather than the lesser cost of tuition.

By October, Trickey should also have a clearer picture of the financial health of its school system thanks to the Financial Viability As-

sessments. The standardized forms for reporting schools' instructional cost were due from every Catholic school in the diocese by the end of July.

"Throughout the diocese, parishes vary in their allocation of school costs," Trickey explained. "This should place all schools on an equal footing when it comes time to evaluate a school's operating costs."

"The data that comes back will hopefully serve to raise some red flags for schools facing fiscal dilemmas that they might not be aware of and that we might not be aware of," Trickey added.

This month's inspection of all diocesan elementary schools for asbestos could confront some parishes with a financial crisis that is considered well-nigh insurmountable. Traditionally, such a dilemma would have been largely the concern of a single parish, or of several parishes at most.

But Kathleen Dougherty and many of her fellow quadrant planning board members are convinced that if Catholic schools are to survive, then the entire Catholic community must relegate that attitude to the past.

"I think we see around us that there are schools that need help. If each of us does what we need to do separately, some parishes are going to fail," said Dougherty, St. Theodore's representative to the Southwest Quadrant. "You'd like to be able to sit back and say 'our school's doing good. We don't have a problem! But there have been schools that have said that and two years later, they've been closed. We don't want to see that happen.'"

Award winners named

St. Theodore's School has announced the winners of its 1988 graduation awards.

Michael Davis won the Father Epping Memorial Math Scholarship. Earning Presidential Fitness Awards were: Mario Falone, David Pawlowski, Tom Monagan, Eric Navarro and Antonio Mastroberardino.

Monagan and Christine Phillips won the Christian Leadership Awards, and Mastroberardino received the New York State Mathematics League Award.

Aquinas honors outstanding grads

Twenty-two Aquinas Institute students received awards at the school's 63rd graduation, held June 12 in the Eastman Theater.

Valedictorian Carol Ann Palmer received the Principal's Award for Academic Excellence and the French Language Award. Also receiving the Principal's Award was salutatorian Nora Steffan. In addition, Steffan won the James Francis Cross Award in Biology, the Rensselaer Award for Mathematics and Science and the John Philip Sousa Music Award.

Paula Bentivegna and Philip Russo shared the Bishop Matthew H. Clark Award for Leadership and Service in Peer Ministry and the Albert R. Gaelens Award for Outstanding Christian Character.

The J. Michael Wesley, CSB, Scholar/Athlete Awards were won by Alanna Parrinello and Jason Welch. Welch also won the Latin Language Award. Kathleen Compisi earned the Vadas Award: Christian Athlete of the Year.

The winner of the History Award was Thomas Van De Water. The Steve Centron Memorial English Award was given to Nadia Reynolds. Massimo Pietrantonio received the Italian Language Award, and Theresa Seiler won the Spanish Language Award.

The Business Award was given to Rosanne Erdle. Jak DeTemple and Christine Lopuchowycz shared the Typing Award. Amy Zampi won the Bausch and Lomb Honorary Science Award. The Mathematics Award winner was Daniel Stoffel.

Receiving the Louis Armstrong Jazz Award was Diran Jaffarian. The Senior Color Guard Achievement Award was given to Lynn Marhatta. Victoria Howard and Thomas Scheil received the Sister Brendan, CSJ, Memorial Art Award. Earning the Perfect Attendance Award were Vincent Buonomo and Paul Enright.

New assistant principal named at Notre Dame

Michael Johnston, athletic director at Elmira Notre Dame High School since 1976, was named assistant principal effective August 1.

Johnston succeeds Larry Spaulding, who has accepted a position in the English department at Corning West High School. Spaulding had been with Notre Dame for 19 years, serving as an administrator for the past 13 years.

"Mr. Johnston comes to this position with a strong background in education and with many years of experience, which will enhance his membership on the administrative team," said Sister Mary Walter Hickey, principal.

Johnston said the new job offers an exciting challenge, especially in light of changing

enrollment.

"It's down all over but especially for us," Johnston said. "We have to make some adjustments over a few years until the swing goes the other way."

Johnston has served Notre Dame for 17 years in various capacities. After a tour of duty in Vietnam, he returned to Notre Dame — his alma mater — in 1976 as a guidance counselor and head football coach. He was later named head coach and taught in the school's business department.

Johnston holds a master's degree in education from Alfred University and currently is completing his administrative degree leading to certification.

Henrietta schools expand computer offerings

Guardian Angels and Good Shepherd, which make up the Rush-Henrietta Catholic School System, have purchased new computers to increase their computer course offerings for the 1988-89 school year.

At Guardian Angels, students in preschool through third grade will become familiar with the computer keyboard. These lessons will prepare students to use the computer lab at Good Shepherd in grades four through six, and will also help them learn math, reading and spelling.

Meanwhile, Good Shepherd School has updated its computer center with the addition of eight new Apple computers.

Students at the school have been receiving weekly computer literacy lessons for several years. Included in the curriculum are programming, keyboarding and word processing. The new computers will replace some older units, which will be moved into classrooms to allow students to work with computers more regularly.

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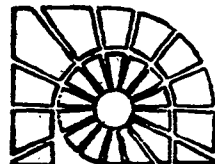
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