

Asbestos grants awarded

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The Environmental Protection Agency has awarded nearly \$4 million in grants and loans to Catholic schools for the removal of cancer-causing asbestos from their buildings.

About \$45 million in aid was given to both private and public schools for 401 asbestos cleanup projects across the country, said an EPA report released April 27.

Among Catholic schools, the highest amount of aid was given to the Diocese of Youngstown, Ohio, which received \$607,988 in grants and loans. The lowest amount for Catholic schools was given to Holy Angels Parish in West Bend, Wis., in the form of a \$7,672 loan.

Asbestos, which was used for years as an

insulating material, later was found capable of causing various forms of cancer, including chronic lung disease when its microscopic fibers are inhaled.

The 1986 asbestos cleanup law requires the nation's schools to start removing asbestos this summer. Since 1985, the EPA has provided about \$200 million in aid to states for asbestos cleanup projects.

Richard Duffy of the U.S. Catholic Conference Department of Education told National Catholic News Service said the aid was a very small amount compared to an estimate from at least one archdiocese, the Archdiocese of Detroit, that asbestos removal from its schools will cost \$48 million.

Children needed in choir

A limited number of openings remain for children ages 9-14 to join the Cathedral Choir School.

The school, which is about to begin rehearsals for its fourth season, is an ecumenical private school dedicated to the sacred choral tradition. Rehearsals take place at Sacred Heart Cathedral and St. Thomas Episcopal Church, both in Rochester.

Students are taught to sing in the upper treble range associated with the centuries-old choral tradition of British cathedrals and collegiate chapels. After a week of intensive morning rehearsals during the week of Aug. 28-Sept. 1, the group of 12

boys and 12 girls will meet Monday and Saturday mornings for the rest of the season to prepare the works of Purcell, Bach, Rutter, Britten and Stanford for public performance in liturgical and concert settings.

Highlights of the 1989-90 season will be participation in choral festivals, ecumenical events and worship services at local churches and synagogues, including the annual Advent Festival of Lessons and Carols.

Interviews may be scheduled by calling Jura Litchfield, founder and director of the school, at 716/377-6807 by Aug. 15.

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were two secondary schools, Aquinas Junior-Senior High School, David City, Neb., in the Diocese of Lincoln; and Central Catholic High School, Toledo, Ohio; and four elementary schools, Ancillae-Assumpta Academy, Wyncote, Pa., in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia; Monte Cas-

sino Middle School, Tulsa, Okla.; St. Gregory the Great School, Trenton, N.J.; and Trinity School, Massena, in the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

In praising the schools, Bush said he wanted to praise "some of the top commanders in the war on drugs — our teachers, principals, community leaders, parents and students." He added, "You're the ones winning this war because you are the ones looking to tomorrow."

St. John Fisher slates fall courses

St. John Fisher College has announced a number of continuing-education courses for this fall.

Introduction to Antiques, the introductory course in a four-course certificate program, will be offered Monday evenings, Sept. 18 - Nov. 20, from 7-9 p.m. The course will cover the history, economic and artistic phases of antiques collecting. The other three courses in the program are: Appraising Antiques, Oct. 19 - Nov. 16, from 7-9 p.m.; The Shaker Legacy, Sept. 12 - Oct. 3, from 7:30-9:30 p.m.; and Discover Antique Jewelry, Sept. 18 -

Oct. 9, from 7-9:30 p.m.

The college will also offer a course in interior design, Sept. 20 - Oct. 11, from 7-9 p.m.; "Issues in the Urban Community, 1960 to Present," on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-9:20; a series of courses mandated by the State of New York for licensing real estate salespeople and brokers; and 10-session evening courses teaching beginning and advanced languages.

For more information about these and other courses, contact the college's Office of Continuing Education at 717/385-8317.

School sets policy for free, reduced meals

ELMIRA — Notre Dame High School has announced its free and reduced-price meal policy for 1989-90.

The policy sets specific eligibility criteria based upon income and family size. These eligibility figures are available from the school office.

Application forms have been sent to school parents, and additional forms are available at the school. The forms may be submitted at any time during the year.

Changes in family size or income will necessitate re-application. Notre Dame has the right at any time to verify information provided by the families. This information

is only used to determine eligibility and will be kept strictly confidential.

Families whose applications are denied may request hearings or conferences with Father Vincent McDonough, SJ, the designated hearing official. Father McDonough may be reached in writing at the school address, 1400 Maple Avenue, Elmira, N.Y. 14904.

No child will be discriminated against because of his race, sex, color, national origin, age or handicap.

For information on the policy, call the school at 607/734-2267.



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