

DIOCESAN NEWS

Busing

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The students affected by the city district's decision may spend as much as 90 minutes three to five days a week being bused, she said. Given that many of the students need a stable learning environment because of their learning difficulties, Sister Dolce was perplexed by the city's plan.

"I don't think the city school district could come up with a sound educational reason for this to happen," she said.

Jarzyniecki said 62 students — including the 44 at Hope Hall — who attend nonpublic schools outside the city will be affected by the new plan. Although a number who attend nonpublic schools within the city also will be affected, she did not have a specific count.

Other Catholic school students affected by the plan, she said, include those at Our Lady of Mercy High School in Brighton, Nazareth Academy and Nazareth Hall in Rochester, and Our Mother of Sorrows in Greece.

Parents of six or seven of the students going to schools outside the city said they would comply with the busing plan, Jarzyniecki added.

The city school district gave the parents the option of retaining or declining the district's special education services. Sister Dolce said a number of parents told her they wrote back to the district and said they would neither accept the busing plan nor decline the special education services.

Timothy Dwyer, diocesan superintendent of Catholic schools, said he didn't know how many Catholic school students would be affected by the plan, but that he had heard concern expressed by some principals.

Among those principals was Stephen Oberst, who heads St. Pius the Tenth School in Chili. Oberst said he was concerned that two children at his school who

Marching, rallying for Christ



Above, Brenda Mini, and her son Nicholas watch events during the Jesus Rally '99 held Aug. 21 at the Highland Park Bowl in Rochester. At right, members of A Different Dance perform. Joining the rally were participants from the 10th Annual March for Jesus held earlier that day.



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receive special education services would spend too much time on buses.

One St. Pius parent, David Rice, said his daughter will be entering kindergarten this fall and will be bused every day to a city public school 10 miles away for speech therapy. He said that he hoped the city would change the busing plan.

"They're putting the crunch on people who choose private schools," he said. "I am paying the city taxes already and paying the tuition on top of it ... (The plan) leaves a bad taste in my mouth."

Responding to criticism of the busing plan, Clifford B. Janey, Rochester's superintendent of schools, scheduled two meetings with parents to hear their concerns at both 10 a.m. and at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 25, at the Title I Parent Center in

Rochester.

Jarzyniecki declined to outline what Janey might offer to the parents, but she said that he was willing to look at "creative solutions" in every individual case.

"One thing Dr. Janey has told his staff is that he wants a win-win situation," she said.

One parent planning to meet with Janey is Jacquie Morgan, the mother of Hope Hall sixth-grader Harland Morgan. She said she strongly opposed busing her son to receive special education.

"If you're going to pull him away from school, and he already has learning difficulties, how's he going to learn?" she asked rhetorically. "To me, (the busing plan) is defeating the purpose of providing special services."

Morgan said many of the parents saw the city's plan as a veiled attempt to discourage them from even using the city's special education services.

"As parents, we feel like they were hoping we wouldn't want (special services) and then they wouldn't have to do anything," she said.

Jarzyniecki said she understood why Hope Hall parents were concerned about the distance their children would have to travel to receive services. However, she noted that a number of nonpublic school students in the city have been bused from their schools to public schools for years to receive special education.

She added that compromise was possible between the district and the parents. "This is not a done deal," she said.



cemeteries

of the Rochester Catholic Diocese



1. Assumption of Our Lady Columbarium
20 East Avenue
Fairport
716-388-0040

2. Holy Sepulchre Cemetery & Mausoleum
2461 Lake Avenue
Rochester
716-458-4110

3. Mount Olivet
East Canal Road
Office 152 Main Street
Brockport
716-637-4500

4. St. Mary's
Crosset Road
Geneseo
716-243-1100

5. St. Patrick's
46 Stanley Street
Mt. Morris
716-658-2110

6. St. Rose
1985 Lake Avenue
Lima
716-624-1005

7. St. Vincent DePaul
11 N. Main Street
Churchville
716-293-1400

8. St. Bridget's
15 Church Street
East Bloomfield
716-657-7626

9. St. Columbkille
97 Bayard Street
Seneca Falls
315-568-5203

10. St. Francis
12 Church Street
Phelps
315-548-5331

11. St. Joseph's Regional Cemetery
6020 Lake Ave. Ext.
Auburn
315-252-5197

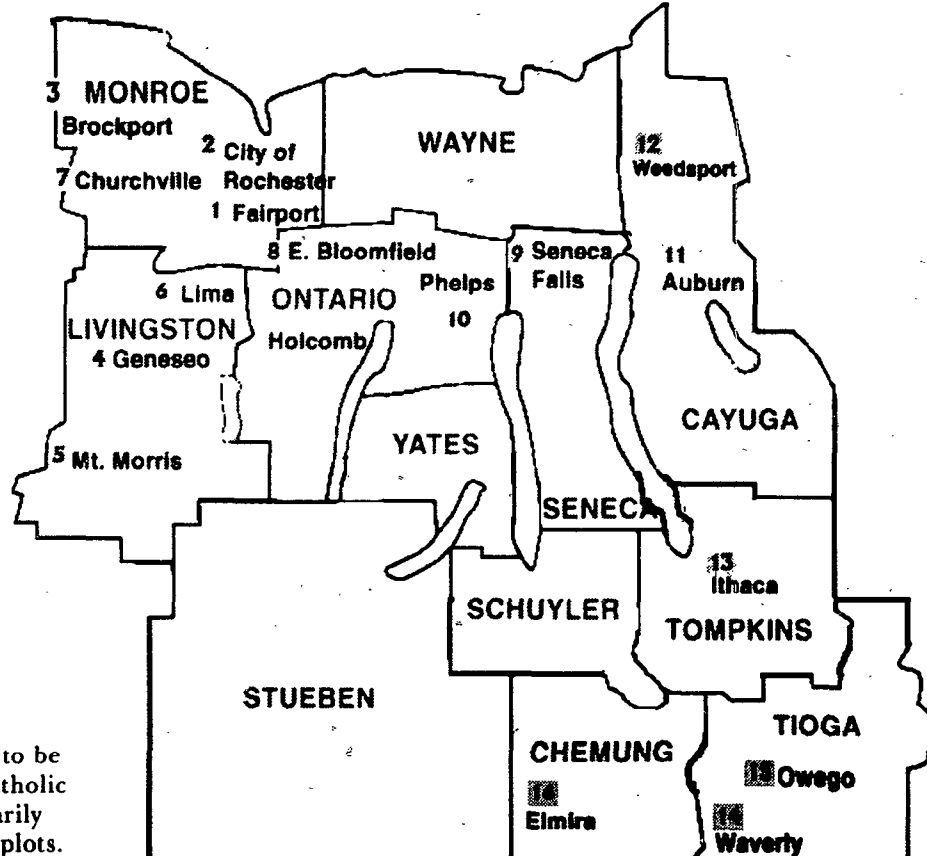
12. St. Joseph
2667 Hamilton St.
Weedsport
315-834-6266

13. Calvary at the Church of the Immaculate Conception
113 North Geneva St
Ithaca
607-273-6121

14. St. James
503 Clark St
Waverly
607-565-2014

15. St. Patrick's
Route 17C
Owego
607-687-1068

16. Ss. Peter & Paul
623 Franklin St.
Elmira
607-732-6431



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