

# DIOCESAN NEWS

## Students cope with busing changes



Molly DeVries, 12, a safety patroller at Holy Cross School, Rochester, waits for the younger children to arrive at the buses so she can direct them to their proper bus.

ROCHESTER — A new school year has led the 400 students at Holy Cross School in a number of new directions.

To their buses, that is.

Faced with a road reconstruction project around their school, the students had to change the way they board buses, and have met the challenge with flying colors, according to Mary Dayton, principal.

"It wasn't really bad," she said of students adjusting to the new boarding procedure. She noted that the students have been walking out to Lake Avenue in front of Holy Cross Church to board buses for home because of reconstruction of Latta Road and Lighthouse Street, which run on the south and east sides of the school, respectively. Normally, the students board their buses on those streets, which are less busy than Lake Avenue, a thoroughfare.

Parents were informed of the new procedure in letters sent home Aug. 31, ac-



Karin von Voigtlander/Photo Intern

Younger students line up for buses in rows outside Holy Cross School, behind eighth-graders with signs designating their neighborhoods Sept. 7.

ording to Julie Locey, vice principal. She said school staff and Holy Cross Parish staff members agreed that having the buses pull up on Lake Avenue in front of the church was the safest way to load and unload the students. Locey added that there had been a request by a road crew member to possibly delay the school's opening five days. However, she said, that wasn't an option due to the fact that schools must legally be in session a certain number of days each year, she said.

The reconstruction includes the rebuilding of concrete steps leading up to the school on Latta Road, according to Ed Williams of LaBella Associates PC, serving as the city's project representative on the construction site. Williams added that the steps will have a landing halfway down, not part of the original steps.

On the first day of school, Sept. 5, the

boarding procedure added an additional 20 minutes to the kids' dismissal time. But by Friday, Sept. 7, the students had adjusted so well that they were only taking five more minutes than normal to board buses at the end of the day, Dayton said.

Students from the city, Greece, Irondequoit and Hilton, attend Holy Cross, Dayton said. Eighth-graders, assisted by school staff members, serve as safety patrols guiding the students onto their buses. School safety patrol Oniell Aponte, an eighth-grader, is in charge of getting the kids from Hilton onto their bus.

"I like it," he said, adding that the students have adjusted well to their temporary exit procedure. "They've been good."

While road reconstruction in the area won't be finished until next June, Williams said the portion directly affecting the school's bus routes should be done by mid-October. Dayton said the kids have adapted well to the changes wrought by the roadwork. She said that the road crews have kept her updated on their work.

"All the construction groups have been wonderful and supportive and helpful," she said.

— Rob Cullivan

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## Obituaries

### Fr. Butler, CSB, was AQ teacher

Basilian Father Albert F. Butler, who taught chemistry and religion at Aquinas Institute in Rochester from 1951-60, died at St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto on Sept. 2, 2001. He was 80.

Basilian Father Michael P. Cerretto, secretary general of the Congregation of St. Basil, was a student of Father Butler's. He said the late priest maintained the electrical system at Aquinas' football stadium, which was eventually named Holleder.

"(Father Butler) was always there for his students and his fellow teachers," said Father Cerretto, who himself taught at Aquinas from 1962-84. "He was even-tempered, and he never raised his voice. He was a very person-oriented person who will be remembered fondly for his gentleness and warmth."

A Toronto native, Father Butler entered the congregation in 1940. He professed his first vows in 1941 and was ordained a priest in 1949 by the late Cardinal James McGuigan, archbishop of Toronto.

Father Butler also taught and administered at St. Michael's. After suffering a heart attack in 1976, he did pastoral work in Houston and Angleton, Texas. The priest took up residence at the Anglin House, a Basilian residence in Toronto, in 1998.

Father Butler is survived by his sister Rita (John) Turner of Toronto, and nine nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass was celebrated on Sept. 5 in the Chapel of the Cardinal Flahiff Center in Toronto. Burial took place in Holy Cross Cemetery, Thornhill, Ont.

Memorial donations may be sent to the Congregation of St. Basil, 95 St. Joseph St., Toronto, Ont., N5S3C2.

— Rob Cullivan

### Sr. Maneri, SSJ, reading specialist

Sister of St. Joseph Frances Maneri, 85, died at the St. Joseph Convent Infirmary Aug. 2, 2001.

A native of Auburn, Sister Frances entered the Sisters of St. Joseph from St. Francis Assisi Parish, Auburn, in 1935. She earned her baccalaureate and master's degrees in elementary education from Nazareth College, and a reading specialist degree from Temple University. She was co-director for a corrective reading program with special attention to learning disabilities, and also was certified as a braille transcriber by the Library of Congress.

Sister Frances taught in diocesan schools for 27 years, and was a reading consultant for several schools for 22 years. Among schools where she taught were Nazareth Model School, St. Theodore, Mother of Sorrows, Blessed Sacrament and St. Thomas More, all of Rochester; Immaculate Conception, Ithaca; Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Brockport; and St. Mary Our Mother, Horseheads.

Her wake and liturgy were conducted at the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse.

Sister Frances is survived by her sister, Mary Loperfido of Auburn, and nieces and nephews.



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