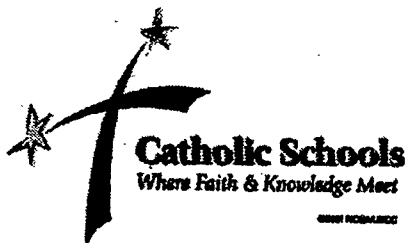


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Dear Parents/Guardians,

When I first wrote to you in September, I had been in my position for only two months and was still learning as much as I could about our diocesan schools. Since then I have visited 30 of our 50 schools. During these visits I have had the opportunity to visit classrooms, talk briefly with students and meet our teachers.



What I have learned, and the feedback those meetings have provided, has greatly added to my enthusiasm for our schools. Though each is unique, what I have seen in each school is a faculty eager to help children, not just to master facts but to think; not just to gain information but to integrate that information with values, moral perspective and a spirituality that serves them in the present and begins to prepare them for the future. We are proud and grateful to be able to provide a truly Catholic education.

It is important to us to know, not just our own perceptions, but also those of parents, students and staff. In interviews with samples of each of these groups, it became clear that a distinctive opportunity that we enjoy is our ability to give to our children an education that encompasses all of life. Thus our theme: **Catholic Schools. We Teach It All.**

We are grateful to our skilled and dedicated teachers and principals. We are proud of our students, past and present. We are inspired by, and truly grateful for, the confidence that our parents have in Catholic schools.

Fully realizing that we have an excellent product to offer, we are looking at ways to more aggressively market our schools. You will soon hear radio ads and see billboards, bus banners, print ads and even television commercials. Despite all of these efforts, we also acknowledge that our most effective spokespersons are our students and parents. If you are not satisfied with any aspect of our schools, please tell your teachers or principals. We will listen and try to learn from each communication. If you are satisfied, please tell your friends who have children. You will be doing them a favor.

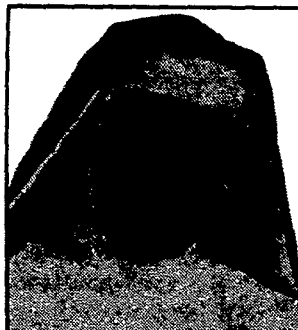
Happy Catholic Schools Week!

Sincerely,  
*Elizabeth Meegan, OP*  
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Superintendent of Schools



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Catholic Schools Superintendent Sister Elizabeth Meegan, OP, talked with seven-year-old Amella Brueckman during a visit to St. Pius Tenth School in Chili Sept. 5, 2001.



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**Theme: "Losing and Rediscovering God"**

- Monday, Feb. 11 Faith: Trusting One's Own Light  
Morning Mass ..... St. Jude's ..... 9 a.m.  
Evening Mission Service ... Holy Ghost ..... 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, Feb. 12 Journeying Together: Community as The Birthplace for Faith  
Morning Mass ..... St. Jude's ..... 9 a.m.  
Evening Mission Service ... Holy Ghost ..... 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, Feb. 13 A Faith That Works: The Way of Prayer & Justice  
Morning Mass ..... St. Pius X ..... 8:30 a.m.  
Evening Mission Service ... St. Helen's ..... 8 p.m.
- Thursday, Feb. 14 What We Receive We Share: Service as the Heart of Faith  
Morning Service ..... St. Helen's ..... 9 a.m.  
Evening Mission Service ... St. Pius X ..... 7 p.m.

St. Helen's Church 310 Lindley Road Rochester, NY 14624	Holy Ghost 220 Colchester Road Rochester, NY 14624	St. Jude's Church 4100 Lyell Road Rochester, NY 14624	St. Pius X 3010 Chili Ave. Rochester, NY 14624
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We welcome Fr. Gallagher's presence among us. We encourage all to make every effort to hear this dynamic, outstanding priest, and his powerful message.



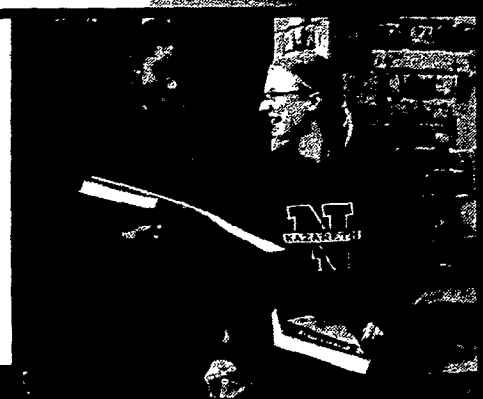
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