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MORE LETTERS

twines with the establishment and growth of the Rochester diocese, the local history of the Sisters of St. Joseph, and the lives of many diocesan priests and faculty, staff and alumni. It's a good story, with an unfortunate and untimely end.

If there is a need to assign blame, the questions must be tougher. Shouldn't somebody have noticed the need for \$100,000 in repairs as the problems were developing. What if reasonable tuition in Pittsford is unreasonable in Brockport? What circumstances compel a parent to uproot a child in search of a better educational environment — be it Catholic or public?

There are more questions. The answers won't save Nativity, but perhaps other schools could benefit from those answers. Maybe we should pray about it.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: The article in question dealt exclusively with the decision to recommend the school's closing. We anticipate a feature-oriented story on the

school at the end of the school year.

Worship enhanced by gifts of many

To the editor:

How wonderful is this Catholic Christian faith we share! The Easter season is a great time to reflect on and thank the Lord for the many gifts inherent to our Church. I'm privileged to belong to Our Lady of the Lakes and Holy Family Catholic Communities. Both Easter celebrations I participated in were brimming over with liturgical richness, beauty and joy thanks to so many dedicated and hard-working people. From the kindling of the Paschal fire at Naples — the spring peepers adding their chorus to the solemn beauty of the holy night — to the last strains of the postlude at Wayland Easter morning, my family and I were blessed, humbled and overjoyed to take part in these liturgies.

Throughout Lent, Holy

Week and Easter all our wonderful priests have generously shared the gifts they received through Holy Orders. These include Fathers Bob Ring, Tim Niven, Steve Kraus and Gennaro Ventura. We're also blessed with two priests from distant lands — Father John Gathenya from Kenya and Father Quintus Fernando from Sri Lanka. Both left their countries, homes and families to share their gifts and lives with us.

Hearing Father John give the beautiful, Spirit-filled homily Saturday night was a true inspiration and holy challenge to all present. Sunday morning Father Quintus warmed the whole church

with his joyful celebration of the liturgy and presentation to Bob and Lois McAllister, marking 60 years of marriage. These and all our priests have given up so much for us and enrich our lives greatly. I know all join me in thanking them for all they are and do for us every day. Continue praying for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, but also add that prayer of thanks for all priests, past and present, that help us on our lifetime journey of faith.

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Another shirt offers notion to consider

To the editor:

Antoinette Bosco of Catholic News Service asked in your April 24 issue if freedom is a casualty of the war on terror. She mentioned a March incident at an Albany mall where guards called the police to arrest, for trespassing, a man who refused to remove a T-shirt that bore a simple message of peace.

I wondered what would have happened had I worn there a shirt given to me by a well-educated nephew who lives in the Buffalo area. The message is worthy of careful thought:

"Beware the leader who bangs the drums of war in order to whip the citizenry into a patriotic fervor, for patriotism is indeed a double-edged sword. It both emboldens the blood, just as it narrows the mind. And when the drums of war have reached a fever pitch and the blood boils with hate and the mind has closed, the

leader will have no need in seizing the rights of the citizenry. Rather, the citizenry, infused with fear and blinded by patriotism, will offer up all of their rights unto the leader and gladly so. How do I know? For this is what I have done. And I am Caesar." Julius Caesar"

Let us listen to God's word and pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit. That is the true road to freedom and peace.

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Writer lacked all the facts

To the editor:

In your last edition (Catholic News Service columnist) Antoinette Bosco wrote of an incident wherein a gentleman was approached by mall security guards in regard to his wearing a T-shirt with a message. She further writes her sister advised her the story was all over the Albany news, the city where the event occurred. Writer Bosco states she is outraged.

What Bosco fails to tell us is the mall has a posted policy stating no clothing allowed in the mall that bears a message of religious or political expression. To allow one and not another is to open a prejudice case against the mall.

This event appeared on many national talk shows sometime back. It is not new news and Bosco obviously wrote from second-hand information.

Shame on her!

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