

Shanley administrator Rausch resigns post

Brother Cletus Rausch, chief administrator of Shanley High School, Fargo, has resigned, effective Jan. 2, apparently as a result of "disharmony" between himself and members of the faculty, school board and a personnel committee.

Rausch has submitted his letter of resignation to the school board president, John Duginski. Moorhead Duginski said Monday he would have no comment until after the full board considers the resignation at its regular meeting this evening.

Brother Roger Betzold and Sister Rosaria Acton, presently assistant principals, will be the acting administrators of Shanley until a search committee finds another principal, according to Rausch. School is now dismissed for the holidays.

"After a great deal of reflection and consultation, I made the difficult decision to resign from Shanley," said Rausch in a written explanation. "My primary reason is lack of school board support from last February to the present." Rausch claimed the board overreacted on many issues and has been looking for ways to eliminate him.

Secondly, Rausch said, he found the current structure of the personnel committee, which has no administration representative, standing in the way of direct communication between himself and certain faculty members.

Rausch said he believes such a structure violates the North Central Accreditation Association standard that states the board shall transact official business

with its staff and school employees only through the superintendent.

"At board meetings, I learned of issues for the first time that I should have been appraised of earlier," said Rausch.

Thirdly, Rausch said he was not granted due process by the board during a closed session in November. Rausch said he found out later he was evaluated at that meeting and that the board decided not to renew his contract for the next school year.

"Finally, I resigned because I am tired of struggling with the board. I felt it would be most diffi-

cult to continue under the present circumstances."

Rausch continued, "Even though my term at Shanley has been the most difficult experience in my life, I leave with happy memories and friendships.

"I am extremely proud of Shanley High. The students are without a doubt among the finest young men and women I have ever enjoyed working with.

"I ask your prayers that the newborn Savior in our hearts will guide the board in finding a dy-

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amic administrator who will bring peace, joy and continue the strong academic program at Shanley. Finally, I wish to thank the board members for their dedication and great concern for quality Catholic education in Fargo."

Rausch said he plans a ski trip over the holidays and then will return to St. Paul, Minn., where he hopes to continue in school administration work.

A native of Nott, N.D., Rausch holds an education specialist degree in secondary administration from St. Thomas College, St. Paul. He has taught Latin, religion, music and English the last 12 years in Illinois, Wisconsin and Minnesota and has four years of administration work.

Rausch, assistant principal at Shanley last year, replaced Brother Michael Collins as principal.

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