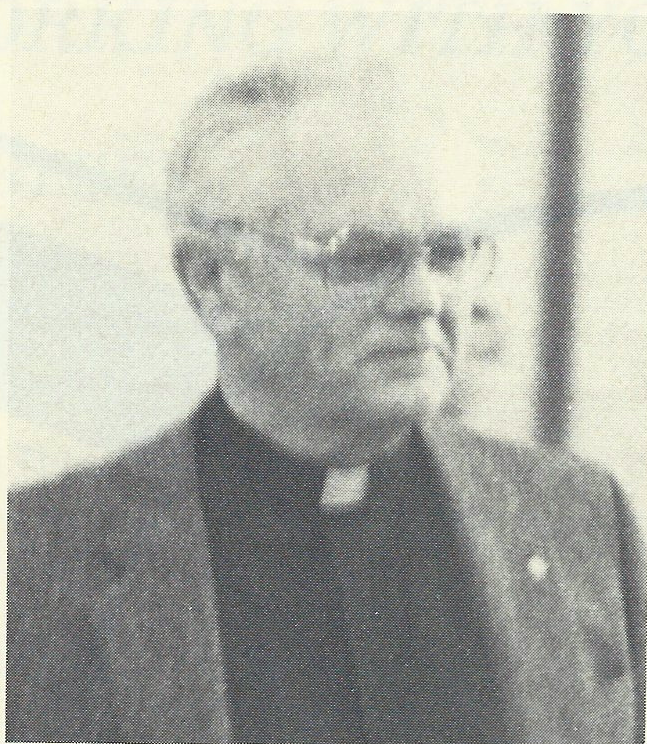


PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE - FR. MARSHALL



There is a museum in Florence, Italy which has dozens of large blocks of rough marble in an out-of-the-way room. Some are as big as a car, some only the size of a child's wagon, but all have been chipped away at by the master's hand. From the side of one an arm and shoulder has been formed; from another a head begins to take shape; in still another you see the beginnings of the torso of a burly slave, and so it goes. The guide explained to us that all these were from Michaelangelo's studio. This greatest of artists had a theory - he believed that within each block of marble there was

trapped a figure trying to get out. It was up to him to employ all his skill and effort to develop that piece of rock to its full potential.

Well I believe much the same thing about each young man coming to St. Mary's. In what had once been an unformed body was such great potential. Your Mom and Dad with the help of Almighty God were the first artists that started to form you. Soon they sought the assistance of elementary school teachers, pastors, playground coaches and the like and then finally they deposited you on our doorstep. Gradually over these formative years the master artist began to take over. The decision became more and more his as to how this work of art would turn out. Would it depict beauty or ugliness, freedom from vice or slavery to the same, would it be sought after and appreciated or discarded and despised? The opportunity was his to see if the finished product would benefit mankind or be a detriment to society.

This artist has taken on a lifelong task for there will always be much trimming and polishing to be done. This artist is YOU as is the material which he (you) works. You alone must finally decide if your work of art is to be relegated to a side room or to stand proudly beside that feature work in the museum, the incomparable statue of David.

INCOMING PRINCIPAL - FR. CAMPBELL

Editors' Note: Although we have no message from Fr. Campbell, we would like to acknowledge and welcome him as our new principal and wish him all the best in his new capacity.

