



## Pope John Paul II REGIONAL CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

### BUILDING FOR TOMORROW

June 2006

*A monthly progress report on the construction of our new Regional Catholic Elementary School*

#### *What's the Latest?*

Although the dry weather has not been good for our lawns, it has been great for the ongoing construction of the Pope John Paul II Regional Catholic Elementary School! The structural steel is now 99% in place. The building is almost completely under roof, shingles and all! The base materials for the exterior walls, which consist of either CMU (Concrete Masonry Units) or steel studs, Densglas exterior gypsum board and EIFS (Exterior Insulation Fastening System) now enclose most of the building. And, the canopy over the school's front entrance has been installed. On the inside of the building, all of the interior concrete flooring has been poured and the MEP (Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing) sub-contractors are to be found throughout the building on all three floors, hanging HVAC (Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning) ductwork, installing electrical conduits and outlets, and connecting copper, steel and cast iron piping for the water and drainage lines as well as the fire sprinkler system. Stairs have been installed in one of the four stairwells; the others are still being manufactured according to our specifications. The interior walls are also being studded out, providing the outlines for the administrative area, classrooms, CARES rooms, the library, science lab and the cafeteria / multi-purpose room. The stage, with its ramp in the back, is already outlined in the cafeteria/multi-purpose room!

The big news, however, is that the Archdiocese of Philadelphia has allowed us to defer payment of the land (\$340,000.00 for 30 acres), if necessary, so that we can complete the last nine classrooms that had been excluded as part of the value engineering. This means that we will be able to have all three classrooms ready for each grade when the school opens!

Meanwhile, the pastors and sisters continue to meet with a variety of people to discuss the many new issues that must now be addressed. Just last week, we signed a \$219,000.00 contract with NBL Flooring, Exton, PA, for the finished flooring (except the gymnasium which is being installed at a cost of \$82,000.00). Yes, the new school project continues to make steady progress. Please continue your all-important financial and prayerful support!



From left to right: Soon-to-be first graders Michaela Dunleavy, Emily Kemme, Mark McClure and soon-to-be third graders Rachael Bernard and Matthew McClure stand in front of the newly roofed school on June 3, 2006. Any current or future student is welcomed to be in the photo for future editions of Building For Tomorrow. To be included, please email a note to Thom Lee at [buildingfortomorrow@comcast.net](mailto:buildingfortomorrow@comcast.net).

## *Financially Speaking*

You will recall that the school's Capital Campaign has reached the \$3 million mark. Fortunately, both funds and pledges are continuing to come in. As of the beginning of this month, the total collected was \$3,026,320.00. Additionally, we have learned more specifics about the Sullivan Foundation's grant to outfit the new school's computer lab. The grant provides 30 new computers and a printer!

Yes, all of our hard work is now reaching fruition as we see the school being built right before our eyes! Please continue, and if possible, increase your contributions. Let us generously build God's kingdom right here among us!

## *Walk-A-Thon Makes Great Strides*

The Fourth Annual C.A.C.E.S. PACES Walk-A-Thon was a tremendous success this year. Held on April 30th, 332 students walked a total of 6679 laps; that's 1669 miles! But the most impressive figure from this year's event is the amount of funds raised. Through local businesses, grandparents, corporations matching funds and a determined effort by the students, \$54,000 was generated! The theme for this year's Walk-A-Thon was Reachin' For The Bleachers. These funds will be designated to buy new bleachers to go into our brand new gymnasium! Thanks to the many who helped make this spirit-filled event so much fun and so successful.



Chester County Sheriff helps get the Walk-A-Thon started on the right foot.

## *Reserve Your Engraved Paver Today*

The walkway leading into the new school will have a lasting memorial to remember a loved one or honor someone close to you. Your message will be etched in stone for all to see. For a \$100 donation, reserve your place in history. Forms are available in the back of the church.

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For additional information please contact your pastor or the school principal, Sister Helen Loretta, I.H.M. at Coatesville Area Catholic Elementary School, 605 East Lincoln Highway, Coatesville, PA 19320 Phone: 610-384-5961

**If you would like to make a difference in a child's life, please send a donation.**

**Checks should be payable to *CACES School Fund* and sent to your pastor.**

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