



## Pope John Paul II REGIONAL CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

### BUILDING FOR TOMORROW

May 2006

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

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

Construction of the new school building is moving along at a brisk pace. The goal to open over this year's Christmas break is still on target. The concrete sub-flooring has been poured on the entirety of both the first and second floors. Now that all the plumbing and electrical conduit work has been completed underground, the concrete is being poured on the ground floor level as well. Four large air handling units have been hoisted to the second floor. Housekeeping pads were poured and the units have been set in place. The wooden trusses are being installed and the decking and felt paper put down in preparation for shingling the roof. The steel scissor trusses for the gymnasium roof have arrived and are being assembled on the gym floor and hoisted in place. Excavation around the building continues. The area near the school's front entrance is being back-filled. Once that is completed, the footers for the canopy will be poured and the canopy can be erected.

Meanwhile, the pastors and sisters continue to work with a variety of people to discuss the many new issues that must now be addressed. There are ongoing meetings about roofing shingles, telecommunications and security systems, flooring colors and designs, the wastewater management system, and, of course, the \$7.3 million loan. Yes, the new school project continues to make steady progress. Please continue your all-important financial and prayerful support!



The Gilligan Girls; Alexa (1st), Jenna (6th) and Kristine (3rd) look forward to the completion of their new school where the sisters will all spend their elementary school years under one roof - once it's completed!

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*

Last month, the school's Capital Campaign reached the \$3 million mark! Since then, both funds and pledges are continuing to come in. As of mid-April, the total collected was \$3,056,268.00 and an additional \$40,000.00 had been promised through new pledges. We have also received some great news that resulted from Barbara Knezo's persistence in writing grant proposals for computer funding. We have just learned that the Sullivan Foundation has awarded a grant to outfit the new computer lab! This will save us thousands of dollars and give us brand new computer equipment in the new school.

On the other hand, you may recall from last month's Building for Tomorrow that, after studying the projected registrations for the next two years, the pastors and Sr. Helen have determined that we really need to finish out all 27 classrooms by the time the new school opens. Branch Valley Associates has informed us that this will cost an additional \$298,000.00. The pastors have written to the Archdiocesan Vicar for Administration for permission to proceed. So, you are encouraged to continue, and if possible, increase your contributions. Let us generously build God's kingdom right here among us!

### ***Walk-A-Thon This Weekend !***

The 4th & Final C.A.C.E.S. PACES Walk-A-Thon will be held Sunday, April 30th from Noon to 4:00 PM at the Bishop Shanahan High School track in Downingtown. To sponsor a student walking or learn more about joining the Grand Parent Club please go to: [www.cacespaces.ccis.net](http://www.cacespaces.ccis.net).

Engraved bricks will be available for the first time. A designated area by the new school will be created to recognize a supporter or loved one. Even if you don't have children walking, you're invited to stop by and reserve your engraved brick. More information will be available at the Walk-A-Thon. Each personalized brick can be had for a \$100 donation. Checks and credit cards (Visa, MasterCard & Amex) will be accepted for payment.

## **COMMEMORATIVE BRICKS**

*for the Walkways of the New Pope John Paul II  
Regional Catholic Elementary School*



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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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