



## Pope John Paul II REGIONAL CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

### BUILDING FOR TOMORROW

April 2006

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

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

Drive up Route 82 north of Coatesville and you will see some remarkable changes on land that, just last spring, was a cornfield! On the corner of Route 82 and Beaver Creek Road, tall beams reach skyward, providing the outline for the new St. Peter Church and daily chapel. North of that, just beyond the common access road that is being constructed for the two buildings, the massive, three-story frame for the new Pope John Paul II Regional Catholic Elementary School comes to view! It is very exciting to see these two new buildings taking shape, wondrous signs of the Church responding to the growing needs of the Catholic community in Chester County!

Although it may not be evident from the road, a great deal of work is being accomplished around and beneath these buildings to prepare them for occupancy early next year. At the school site, the metal deck sub-flooring for the first and second floors of the school is completely in place. Hundreds of sheer studs (also known as Nelson studs) have been welded onto the decking and welded wire fabric has been laid in preparation for the pouring of the 5" thick concrete floors. The chiller and emergency generator will soon be placed next to the transformer. Yes, the school will be fully air conditioned and will have a generator to provide emergency electrical power!

Meanwhile, the pastors continue to work with the architect, contractor, civil engineer and project manager to coordinate all the work that still must be accomplished. Les Hartsell, the school's project manager, oversees the impressive list of more than two dozen subcontractors, who must work together in order for all the various aspects of the project to be completed in proper sequence.

Yes, the construction work for the new school continues. Please continue your all-important financial and prayerful support!



With the future home of many exciting sporting events behind them, Erin Bowser (2nd), Jack Bowser (K), Gia Fiorenza (3rd), Thomas Hoertz (5th) and Stephen Hoertz (7th) stand in front of the framed out Gymnasium.

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*

March provided a long awaited milestone for the school's Capital Campaign - we reached the \$3 million mark. The total collected to date is \$3,038,877. This is a great accomplishment, and we appreciate the sacrifices many families have made to reach this point. But we are still behind in trying to raise \$4 million by next January. After carefully reviewing the projected enrollments for next year and school year 2007-2008, the pastors and Sr. Helen are convinced that we really need to finish out all 27 classrooms when the school opens. You may recall that nine of them were to be only "roughed in" as part of the value engineering that took place last year to bring the school project into budget. That's why we still need to collect an additional \$1 million by the time the school opens next January! So, everyone is encouraged to continue, and if possible, increase their contributions. Please be aware that you are helping to build God's kingdom right here among us!

## *Rave Reviews For CACES Cabaret*

For the second straight year, CACES Cabaret provided a memorable evening of terrific entertainment. Held on March 10th, the talent hailed from all five of our parishes. Thanks to the efforts of everyone who participated in this great fun-and-fund-raising event, it brought in a net profit of over \$16,000.00! As is typical with Coatesville Catholic events, the dedication from those on the stage, behind the scenes and in the audience showed the spirit that makes this group of parishes so special.

## *Grand Parents Needed*

The Fourth Annual CACES PACES Walk-A-Thon will be held on Sunday, April 30th, from Noon to 4:00 PM at Bishop Shanahan High School. A special way grandparents can show their support is to sponsor their grandchildren and become a member of the Grand Parent Club. For a donation of \$1000.00 (a grand), the grandparents will be recognized with a special plaque featuring a portrait of their grandchildren. L. Nicholas and Judy Raytik, Virginia and Maurice Fennimore, Phil and Fran Young and John and Betsy Mooney joined this exclusive club as part of CACES PACES 2005. To all of them, we are most grateful for their generosity.



From left to right: L. Nicholas and Judy Raytik, Virginia Fennimore, Michele Supplee and Sandy Magee. The plaques were distributed to those able to attend the Home and School Association meeting on February 7, 2006, for the Walk-A-Thon held last May.

To become a member of the Grand Parent Club or to contribute to this year's CACES PACES Walk-A-Thon, please Thom Lee at 610-380-0597 or go to [www.cacespaces.ccs.net](http://www.cacespaces.ccs.net).

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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