



## Pope John Paul II REGIONAL CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

### BUILDING FOR TOMORROW

February 2006

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



A picture of Pope John Paul II is proudly shown, as the school named in his honor takes shape in the background. Left to right: Ally Quinones (2nd), Conor Myles (6th), Maeve Myles-holding picture (2nd), Emilie Tronoski (3rd), Hannah Tronoski (kindergarten next school), Kathleen Myles (4th), Billy Long (1st), Hunter Stiebritz (2nd), Zachary Rambo (3rd)

#### *Financially Speaking*

In September, all the pastors involved in this monumental project spoke at all the Sunday Masses, encouraging parishioners to renew their financial support for the new school. The initial response was very encouraging! At a recent meeting of the *Pope John Paul II Regional Catholic Elementary School Campaign Steering Committee*, the Conservation Sub-committee reported that \$94,217.00 was collected in October - very near the \$100,000.00 that the pastors indicated had to be collected each month. In November and December, \$54,000.00 was collected, bringing the total collected to date to \$2,957,334.00! Although these are, indeed, significant contributions, they fall short of the necessary funds. Best estimates indicate that we still need to collect an additional \$1.3 million by the time the school opens next January! So, everyone is encouraged to continue, and if possible, increase their contributions. We are almost there! Let's keep up the momentum!

Two important ways that you can help raise the much-needed funds are through your support of the CACES Cabaret, scheduled for March 10th and CACES PACES Walk-A-Thon, to take place on April 30th. Please make sure you mark your calendars for both dates and sign up to help. More information can be found on the school's website: [www.coatesvillecatholicsch.org](http://www.coatesvillecatholicsch.org).

## *What's the Latest?*

Due to an unusually warm winter and careful planning and coordination by *Branch Valley Associates, Inc.* and all the subcontractors, work is continuing at full pace! The steel beams now outline the entire school building. It is, indeed, quite an impressive site, since the building is 377' long - longer than a football field! And, as plumbers lay pipes in the soil below where the ground floor concrete flooring will be poured, masons are laying the outer perimeter ground floor block in preparation for the concrete. Meanwhile, ironworkers are welding the metal deck sub-flooring in place on the first floor. Workers are now walking down the corridor that will soon take students and teachers to the library and classrooms! The stairwells and elevator shaft that will lead up to the second floor are also starting to take shape.

Off site, *F. Patrick Szustak, Architect*, continues to provide more detailed drawings in preparation for the work in progress and has applied to PECO for gas and electric permits. Three companies submitted bids for the waste-water management system. These are being reviewed and a contract will be awarded in the near future. Six companies have submitted their proposals for the telecommunications package; these are now also under review. Please continue your all-important financial and prayerful support!



Catholic Schools Week is recognized by many in Sister Leonard's first grade class:

Front Row: First Graders Joe Kopec, Jenna Losito, Megan Whitehead, Max Mersereau, Halie Bradley, Jenna Cummings, Beatrice Schaffer, Nathan Valenta and Jessica O'Neill.

Back Row: Third Grade Teacher Sister Ruth, Aaron Cummings (4th), Ashlynn Arvey (1st), Kara Sardella (1st), Amanda Whitehead (3rd), Billy Long (1st), Joe LaClair (1st) and Sister Leonard.

To be included in next month's picture, please call Thom Lee at 610-380-0597 or send an email to: [buildingfortomorrow@comcast.net](mailto:buildingfortomorrow@comcast.net). All current and future students are welcomed.

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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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