



Pope John Paul II REGIONAL CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

BUILDING FOR TOMORROW

September 2006

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

One Amazing Year!



Left: Brianne McNerney, Cassidy McNerney and Alexandria Lee stand at the future entrance to the new school

Below: Fourth grader Amanda Whitehead, second grader Megan Whitehead, and fourth graders Ali March and Julianna Fullam stand at the entrance to our new school.



What's the Latest?

As the summer vacation comes to an end, students and their parents (possibly parents more than some students) are eager to begin the new school year, returning to CACES for another challenging session of academic and spiritual education and formation! This year is a little different from others, however, since it will be the last time they will be going to the buildings at St. Cecilia, St. Stanislaus Kostka and St. Joseph parishes. A tradition in Catholic education that began 100 years ago is about to take a dramatic turn as CACES students and St. Peter Parish students attending St. Joseph Parochial School in Downingtown, prepare to begin a whole new set of traditions at Pope John Paul II Regional Catholic Elementary School!

Meanwhile, just a few miles up on Manor Road (Route 82), Pope John Paul II Regional Catholic Elementary School is becoming a reality in a cornfield. The road has been widened and a right-turn lane has been added into the loop road that will serve both the new school and the new site for St. Peter Parish facilities. This loop road, as well as the bus loop driveway and the parking lots, have been paved. Curbs have been laid all around the school and much of the sidewalk has been poured. The handsome stucco and manufactured stone covers almost all of the exterior and most of the windows are in place. Topsoil is being spread around the building in preparation for seeding and shrubbery. Behind the school, the concrete stairway and asphalt path to the soccer field have been poured and the air conditioner chiller and emergency electrical generator have been placed on their concrete pads. Off in the distance, well past the baseball field, 7.2 miles of perforated pipe has been laid underground in the sewage drip field.

Inside the school, a second stairway has been installed and the corridors are taking definition. Now that all of the electrical wiring, plumbing and sound insulation have been installed in the walls, they are being closed up with sheetrock. The boilers and condensers have been delivered and placed in rooms on either side of the kitchen. Work nears completion on the rest of the MEP (mechanical, electrical and plumbing) throughout the school and painters have arrived and have begun to apply a base coat of paint.

Yes, Pope John Paul II Regional Catholic Elementary School will soon be ready to accept teachers and students as well as athletes and everyone else who wants to come and be formed in body, mind and spirit according to our Catholic Tradition!

Financially Speaking

Your pastors are very grateful for your continued financial support of the Pope John Paul II Regional Catholic Elementary School. It is, indeed, a tremendous financial challenge to all of us and we appreciate your steadfast contributions. We also ask that you be conscious of the fact that, beginning this past July, parish subsidy for the school has increased significantly so we can begin to pay off the \$7.3 million loan we have taken to complete the school construction. We have already received the first interest charge - \$14,214.00 - on the funds we have borrowed since most of our Capital Campaign Fund was depleted. Last year's parish subsidy, divided among the four parishes according to the number of households in each parish, totaled \$309,000.00. This year, the subsidy will be \$500,000, now divided among five parishes since St. Peter Parish has joined the project. The chart below shows the increased subsidy required from each parish:

PARISH	NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS	PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL	SUBSIDY
St. Cecilia	960	24	120,000.00
St. Joseph	334	8	40,000.00
Our Lady of the Rosary	1,342	34	170,000.00
St. Peter	1,123	28	140,000.00
<u>St. Stanislaus Kostka</u>	<u>232</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>30,000.00</u>
TOTAL	3,991	100	\$500,000.00

Your contributions to the Capital Campaign continue to help this fund grow. As the Capital Campaign comes to an end in December, however, we ask that you then consider giving a significant portion of the pledge you have been giving to your respective parishes so they, in turn, can pay the parish subsidy which is projected to rise to \$600,000.00 by 2009.

Many of you have been very generous in supporting the school project! Some have also shown great imagination with such fundraisers as the Silent Auction, CACES PACES and the Cabaret! Another parishioner has recently demonstrated great generosity and imagination by purchasing a new 2006 Ford Fusion to be raffled off to benefit the school! Starting later this month, the Ford Fusion will be parked outside a different church each Sunday and raffle tickets (\$25.00 each, 5 for \$100.00) will be sold. Since St. Peter parish had already scheduled its major annual fundraiser at this time (with 25% of profits going toward the new school), it will join in the car raffle later in the fall. Everyone is encouraged to take part in this exciting way to raise much-needed funds to complete the school. Let us generously build God's kingdom right here among us!

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.

COMMEMORATIVE BRICKS

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



For additional information please contact your pastor or the school principal,
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**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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