

Highlights —

- Kick-Off Meeting Held August 14, 2007
- Committee Membership To Be Finalized in September
- Four Goals Outlined for 2007/2008
- Future Meeting Dates Set

Faith Alive Education Committee Sets Goals for Coming Year

The coming year promises to be an ambitious one for the newly formed Faith Alive education committee for Greater Green Bay.

At its inaugural meeting on August 14, the 24-member panel tentatively set four goals for the upcoming year. The committee includes parish and school representatives with expertise in curriculum, technology, finance, planning, marketing, and development. Two more members have yet to be named.

“There is a lot of work ahead of us, but I believe that the committee is up to the task,” says Mark Salisbury, diocesan superintendent of schools and temporary coordinator of the project.

According to Salisbury, the process includes an update of data compiled over the past two years, including demographics, parish and school enrollment, and tuition trends.

The committee will also devote considerable time to a review and analysis of successful Catholic school systems currently in place in the Diocese, including the Appleton area, Neenah/Menasha, Oshkosh, and Marinette, as well as an examination of “best practices” and characteristics of successful Catholic school systems throughout the country.

During the August 14 meeting, the committee also discussed priorities that include assurance that the project is a grassroots

effort; that the new school system is accessible to all families regardless of income or location; that the funding of the system is fair to all parishes; that the system delivers a Catholic education that is even better than what is currently offered; and that the school system is an excellent collaborative partner in each parish’s ministerial goals.

The Faith Alive education committee is scheduled to meet again on September 11 and October 9. Progress reports will be issued for parishes to include as bulletin inserts. Information will also be available on the diocesan website, www.gbdioc.org, and the diocesan newspaper, *The Compass*.

Four Goals for 2007/2008:

A Synopsis

1. Update the data gathered during the 2005 and 2006 planning processes.
2. Review and expand studies of successful Catholic school systems in the Diocese of Green Bay and throughout the country.
3. Develop 3-4 school system models for presentation to the participating Green Bay area parishes.
4. Identify what, if any, noticeable changes will be implemented during next year’s (2008-2009) school year.

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