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- Meetings held November 13th & December 3rd
- How Will System Improve Catholic Schools?
- Building School System Models for Green Bay Area
- Next: Meeting with Pastors

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Taking the Next Steps to Strengthen Catholic School Education in Green Bay

The Faith Alive Education Committee met in November and December to continue its efforts in establishing a Catholic school system for the greater Green Bay area. The Committee discussed concrete ways in which the Catholic schools of the Green Bay area would improve by becoming a school system.

Each school in the system will offer a more consistent program of instruction. Also, our schools will share the mission of the larger Church in Green Bay by tapping into/supporting the missions of all local parishes. The best practices of Catholic identity including services to the poor will be common strengths of system schools.

Parents will be able to enroll their children in a Green Bay Catholic school system, confident that this system will be stable in its existence over the course of their children's education and beyond.

The system will be able to widen the invitation to Catholic school education. Currently, families

who reside in a parish that does not have or associate with a Catholic school may not be approached about choosing to send their children to a Catholic school. By systemizing, all families would receive the same invitation.

As a system we will increase specialized teaching/learning. For example, in a middle school model, teachers would be able to concentrate on teaching in their own area of specialization. Also, students could be tracked in specific subject area(s) to provide more honors and remedial instruction.

To further consider the benefits of a middle school model becoming a part of the new school system, Mr. Tony Abts, President of Appleton's Catholic School system spoke to the Committee at its December meeting on the benefits of middle level education. His presentation included the physical, social/emotional/intellectual characteristics of children ages 10-15, as well as the most effective means of educating those

children and how St. Joseph's in Appleton strives to implement those methods. When the unique and specific needs of this age group are met, academic success follows.

Lastly, the Committee is developing a proposal to hire a System President to ensure strong leadership into the future. Mark Salisbury and committee members plan to meet with pastors and parish leaders in January to discuss the next steps.

The Committee's first meeting of the new year will be on Tuesday, January 8, 2008.

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