



C.A.R.E. News

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Our New Regional School

Work begins on proposal

After presenting the statement of purpose (see inset) to all four parishes' councils and commissions last month, the Steering Committee immediately began working on the next step in the process – to draft an official proposal to the archbishop. To assist in that effort, they met in May with Ann Battes, deputy superintendent of the Archdiocesan school office. Ms. Battes presented several similar efforts in the archdiocese that have been completed, as well as some in progress. She also talked about the various governance structures being adopted by these new schools and the implications of each.

Ms. Battes also detailed the elements required in documenting our proposal to the archdiocese. The Steering Committee indicated that they are targeting to present their proposal to the Area Commission on Education in November, 2007.

Q&A

The Steering Committee understands that there are many questions in the minds of parents and parishioners. Many still cannot be answered at this point, but here are a few we can answer.

Is it true that our four parishes will be forming one regional school?

Yes. As was reported in last month's C.A.R.E. News, the proposal to proceed with this effort was presented to and approved by the councils and commissions in all four parishes. Most importantly, we still need to make an official proposal to the area commission on education. Their recommendation is sent to the Archbishop for his approval.

"As the Steering Committee comprised of the four parishes, St. Ann, Assumption, Little Flower and St. Margaret Mary, we are unanimously recommending the acceptance of a regional parochial elementary school model. We are also asking for approval (if not already given) from the Education, Finance and Pastoral Councils of our individual parishes.

We will then begin working on the number of details and steps necessary to complete the process of creating a new entity with an agreement and also gain approval of the Archdiocesan Education Commission by April, 2008."

Once we obtain Archbishop Pilarczyk's approval, when will this new regional school come into existence?

We are currently working to have our proposal submitted by November, 2007.

Where will this new school be located? I read something in the local newspaper about a "neutral" site.

The report in the local paper was in error and has been retracted. We will not be building a new school, but rather using buildings that already exist.

Will this new school have a new name?

Most definitely - our new school will indeed have a new name.

Will the governance structure be the same as what Fr. Atcher mentioned was implemented in the archdiocese of Louisville?

We don't know at this time. During our meeting with the deputy superintendent, Ann Battes, in May, it was noted that there are several options in use in our Archdiocese. We are reviewing information concerning these models of governance.

Additional Questions?

To learn more about the C.A.R.E. effort, go to www.CareNews.org. While you are there, you can also ask questions or leave comments and feedback for the Steering Committee.