

Parish Presentation

In 2002, St. Margaret Mary Deanery began working on a Deanery plan for Catholic Elementary education whereby every child, family and parish benefits. At a meeting of deanery pastors in September 2005, the consensus was to move to a regional system of Catholic elementary schools in the deanery. Building on the deanery set of pastoral regions, the pastors and principals of Assumption, St. Ann, St. Margaret Mary and Little Flower parishes began meeting in the Fall of 2005 to plan for the future of Catholic elementary schooling for the four parishes. The discussions focused on achieving four objectives:

- Assure a quality education for our children grounded in Catholic values and the Gospel.
- Be financially solvent and affordable.
- Provide the best educators, facilities and programs for our children's education.
- Provide Catholic education for our children without the necessity of families leaving their parish where they are spiritually and pastorally nourished.
- Stability to our parish/school and the Catholic Education of our Children.

In June, 2007, and after consulting all four parishes' councils and commissions, the Steering Committee unanimously moved to recommend to the Archdiocese that a new regional school be formed. Enrollment trends and increasing school expenses were key factors in this decision. We believed then that if we did not move in the direction of a new regional school, our three parish schools would be downsizing each year with regards to faculty and programs offered.

On October 22, 2007, the Steering Committee was in agreement that the new regional Catholic elementary school for Area II of the St. Margaret Mary Deanery will begin in the school year 2008-2009 on the school site of St. Ann Parish. This decision is made pending approval of the Archbishop.