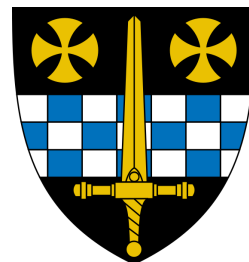


# STRATEGIC PLANNING FOR CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS *IN THE PITTSBURGH-EAST REGION*



The *On Mission for The Church Alive!* initiative encompasses strategic planning for parishes and the regionalization process for Catholic elementary schools. Both run along parallel but independent tracks with the goals of growing the Church and the salvation of souls.

ON MISSION FOR  
THE  
CHURCH  
ALIVE!

Strategic Planning for Parishes

PARALLEL TRACKS

Regionalization of Elementary Schools



## WHAT SCHOOLS ARE INVOLVED IN THE STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS FOR THE PITTSBURGH-EAST REGION?

Saint Agnes, West Mifflin  
Saint Bede, Point Breeze  
Saint Bernadette, Monroeville  
East Catholic, Forest Hills  
Saint John the Baptist, Plum  
Saint Joseph, Verona  
Saint Maria Goretti,  
Bloomfield/Friendship/Garfield

Mary of Nazareth, White Oak  
North American Martyrs, Monroeville  
Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament,  
Natrona Heights  
Saint Raphael, Morningside  
Saint Rosalia, Greenfield  
Sacred Heart, Shadyside  
Saint Therese of Lisieux, Munhall

## PITTSBURGH-EAST REGIONAL CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS ADVISORY BOARD

An advisory board has been formed to help develop a region-specific strategy for Catholic education. The board is composed of six clergy and five lay members from the parishes in the region. The members of the board are:

Rev. Robert Grecco, Sacred Heart Shadyside

Rev. John Lendvai, Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Natrona Heights and Saint Joseph, Natrona

Rev. John Lynam, Word of God, Rankin/Swissvale and Madonna del Castello, Swissvale

Rev. Kenneth Marlovits, Saint Maurice, Forest Hills

Rev. Kevin Poecking, Saint John the Baptist, Plum

Very Rev. Kris Stubna, Saint Paul Cathedral, Oakland

Colette Finnegan, Saint Bernadette, Monroeville

Mary-Peg Miller, Saint Therese of Lisieux, Munhall

Lisa Sciuillo, Saint Maria Goretti, Bloomfield/Friendship/Garfield

Lawrence Scott, Transfiguration, Russellton

Thomas Smith, Saint Agnes, West Mifflin

## WHAT WILL THE WORK OF THE ADVISORY BOARD BE?

- Assessing the viability of the schools in the region by examining:
  - ⇒ Enrollment trends
  - ⇒ Financial health
  - ⇒ *On Mission* data
  - ⇒ Condition of facilities
- The board will also:
  - ⇒ Study long-term sustainability of the schools
  - ⇒ Help improve student outreach, marketing, funding and development
- The goal of the advisory board is to keep our schools accessible, affordable and vibrant for future generations.

## **57 PARISHES ARE INCLUDED IN THE PITTSBURGH-EAST REGION FOR CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS:**

*One asterisk (\*) denotes a parish with a parish school. Two asterisks (\*\*) denote a parish that supports a previously merged school.*

Christ the Light of the World, Duquesne  
Corpus Christi, McKeesport\*\*  
Epiphany, Uptown  
Good Shepherd, Braddock\*\*  
Holy Family, Creighton  
Holy Martyrs, Tarentum  
Holy Spirit, West Mifflin  
Holy Trinity, West Mifflin  
Immaculate Heart of Mary, Polish Hill  
Madonna del Castello, Swissvale\*\*  
North American Martyrs, Monroeville\*  
Our Lady of Joy, Holiday Park  
Our Lady of the Angels, Lawrenceville  
Our Lady of the Most Blessed  
Sacrament, Natrona Heights\*  
Our Lady of Victory, Harwick  
Queen of the Rosary, Glassport\*\*  
Resurrection, West Mifflin  
Sacred Heart, Shadyside\*  
Saint Agnes, West Mifflin\*  
Saint Alphonsus, Springdale  
Saint Angela Merici, White Oak\*\*  
Saint Bartholomew, Penn Hills



Saint Bede, Point Breeze\*  
Saint Benedict the Moor, Hill District  
Saint Bernadette, Monroeville\*  
Saint Charles Lwanga, Homewood  
Saint Colman, Turtle Creek\*\*  
Saint Gerard Majella, Penn Hills  
Saint Irenaeus, Oakmont  
Saint James, Wilksburg  
Saint Januarius, Plum  
Saint John Fisher, Churchill\*\*  
Saint John the Baptist, Plum\*  
Saint Joseph, Duquesne

Saint Joseph, Natrona  
Saint Joseph, Verona\*  
Saint Jude the Apostle\*\*, Wilmerding  
Saint Maria Goretti, Bloomfield\*  
Saint Mark, Port Vue\*\*  
Saint Mary of Mercy, Downtown  
Saint Maurice, Forest Hills\*\*  
Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Homestead  
Saint Michael, Elizabeth\*\*  
Saint Patrick, Versailles\*\*  
Saint Patrick-Saint Stanislaus, Strip  
Saint Paul Cathedral, Oakland  
Saint Raphael, Morningside\*  
Saint Regis, Oakland  
Saint Rita, Whitaker  
Saint Robert Bellarmine, E. McKeesport\*\*  
Saint Rosalia, Greenfield\*  
Saint Stephen, Hazelwood  
Saint Susanna, Penn Hills  
Saint Therese of Lisieux, Munhall\*  
Saint Victor, Baird  
Transfiguration, Russellton  
Word of God, Swissvale\*\*

## NEXT STEPS IN THE STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS

- Solicit qualitative information from each school about the programs—educational, spiritual, etc.—they offer.
- Study the quantitative information available for the schools and parishes that support them and assess the situation—financial, demographic, etc.—of each.
- Provide regular communications from the advisory board

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