

January 21, 2011

Dear Parishioners, Parents, and friends of Annunciation School,

Grace and peace to all of you!

This past week the Regional School Study Group consisting of our parish, Holy Redeemer, St. Michael's, and Our Lady of Providence parishes met to discuss the results of our recent survey and to develop further questions and strategies to present to you, our parish families.

The results of our first survey indicate that ninety percent of all respondents agree that we should move forward with some type of collaborative model and that our parishes can work together to enhance the quality of Catholic Education. In our parish 96% of the respondents agree that it is possible enhance the quality of education through collaboration and 93% agree that the four parishes should work together. Considering this we have developed two positions of which we would like your opinion. They are presented here for your consideration and are available as part of a survey on our website and by hard copy in the church vestibule and parish office. We ask that you complete the survey by February 6, 2011. (Please go to our homepage to complete the survey.)

1. These four schools should work collaboratively, i.e. shared school calendars, joint professional development, unified curriculum, shared specialty teachers, and shared support staff.

2. Starting in the 2012-2013 school year, the four parishes should restructure their schools creating one middle school site and three elementary school sites enabling parishes to utilize their entire facilities to better server student needs. Preschool will be available at all four sites.

Please remember that these positions are only proposals and that no decision has been made at this time. We need to hear from you so that we might include you in the process of providing a quality Catholic education for our children.

May God bless you all.

Peace,

Fr. Bob Evans
Pastor