



MONROE CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

November 12, 2011

Dear Families,

There is no doubt that after the recent news of the magnitude of change for the future of our Catholic elementary schools we all need to allow ourselves time to grieve. It is only human to feel loss and even anxiety about the future. Let's allow ourselves that and help each other through this time of necessary change.

There is no perfect way to deliver such important information about our schools, with consistency, in this fast-paced world of social networking, text messaging, twitter, and email. The pastors and principals carefully thought through how we would make the delivery, not just to the school families, but also to our faculty and our parishioners. Email was the approach that allowed each family to receive the accurate information at exactly the same time directly from the pastors.

On **Mon., November 14** and **Tues., Nov. 22** the principals will be at St. John's, St. Mary's, and Michael's for informal conversation about the future model of our Catholic schools. We welcome you to attend if your schedule allows at any of the locations. The format will be conversational, developed around the questions formulated by those in attendance. ***This scheduling is not meant to be an inconvenience to anyone, but only a response to those who have inquired about an immediate gathering.***

7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.	St. John the Baptist – Cafeteria
10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	St. Mary – Parish Life Center
12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.	St. Michael – Archangel Room
7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	St. John the Baptist - Cafeteria

There will be additional gathering sessions in the future, including coming together for prayer, and an upcoming presentation on **Fri., December 9th, 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at St. Mary Catholic Central**. More information will follow on the details of that evening with our pastors, principals, and other guests from our faith community.

In the meantime, I invite you to visit the website at www.monroecatholicschools.com or email at curtis@monroecatholicschools.com. I welcome all requests for scheduling family meetings in the school office and phone calls to 734-241-3377.

Catholic education is too precious to just keep it around until it dies off. Being proactive is difficult, but necessary so that Catholic education will not just survive for a little while in Monroe, but will thrive for generations to come.

Prayerfully,

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