



Fact Sheet for Southeast Suburban Catholic Schools Initiative

*St. Andrew the Apostle, Our Lady of Knock, St. Victor, Calumet City
Holy Ghost, St. Jude the Apostle, South Holland
Queen of the Apostles, Riverdale*

The pastors and principals of six southeast suburban Catholic schools have formed an alliance to establish a multi-parish school that will serve families in the southeast suburbs who are seeking a Catholic education for their children in grades preschool through eight.

This multi-parish school, which will be named in the future, will open for the 2004-2005 school year on two campuses. The **EAST** campus will be located in Calumet City in the current St. Andrew the Apostle building and the **WEST** campus will be located in South Holland in the current St. Jude the Apostle building.

A strong academic program with daily religion classes is the core of the new school's purpose. Music, art, physical education, computer education and Spanish classes are scheduled throughout the school week to develop the whole child and are integral parts of the new school's instructional program.

Governance Structure

The foundation for the governance structure of the school is mutual respect and collaboration. The school is sponsored by the six Catholic parishes of Calumet City, South Holland and Riverdale in order to continue the educational ministry of the Catholic Church to the children and families in the southeast suburbs.

Executive Committee

Comprised of the pastors of sponsoring parishes; the committee will appoint the school advisory council and serve as *ex-officio* members of the council.

Reserved Powers: Final approval of philosophy, planning, policy, budget, subsidy, hiring of school administrative team, sacramental programs, religious education and property management.

Executive Pastor

Discerned by the executive committee for a three-year term, the executive pastor will hold the juridic seat on the school advisory council and serve as juridic spokesperson to the vicar and others. He will chair the meetings of the executive committee. The principals are accountable to him.

School Administrative Team

The school administrative team consists of the principal who will serve as the executive director for the school.

Specific duties: Development and advancement of the school—its mission and its programs. The executive director principal also serves as the communicator and signatory for the new school and is responsible for working collaboratively with the campus principals in maintaining the quality and resources of the school.

The east campus principal and the west campus principal are also members of the school administrative team.

Specific duties: Hiring, supervising and evaluating teachers; developing and monitoring the school curriculum; managing school discipline or conflict resolution on-site; and working collaboratively with the executive director principal in maintaining a quality Catholic school.

School Advisory Council

Consists of the executive pastor, the school administrative team and two persons from each parish (may be school or non-school parent). Members of the first council will serve three years, otherwise rotating three-year terms.

Specific duties: Recommends to executive committee—long-range planning, policy, budget and fundraising. Focuses on development, school advancement and public relations.