



Lansing Catholic Schools Plan

After months of consultation and investigation, the pastors of the Lansing Catholic Schools have settled on a configuration for K-8 Catholic education in the City of Lansing. The pastors believe that this configuration will help ensure that Lansing Catholic Schools will be available, affordable, and accessible for years to come. The consolidation will take effect with the 2010-11 school year.

In consultation with Bishop Boyea, the pastors have agreed that beginning next school year, Lansing Catholic Schools will have two K-8 sites. The current IHM/St. Casimir School will be housed at Immaculate Heart of Mary. The other Lansing Catholic K-8 school will be housed at Resurrection. At the end of the current school year, daily classroom instruction at St. Casimir and St. Therese Parishes will end.

Earlier plans contemplated a three-site model, which included a combined middle school. Largely because of financial considerations, the pastors decided to reduce the number of Lansing Catholic Schools sites to two. Immaculate Heart of Mary is located closest to the largest pool of Catholic elementary aged children in the city, which positions it well for future growth. Resurrection parish currently has the highest K-8 enrollment of the four city parishes with schools and benefits from proximity to Lansing Catholic High School.

The work of the various transition teams will continue, as the pastors continue to finalize details of the new configuration. Moving forward, Lansing Catholic Schools will collaborate for purposes of development, enrollment management and recruitment, curriculum, campus ministry, and extra-curricular offerings. It is anticipated that resources and facilities at the St. Casimir and St. Therese sites will continue to be an important part of the new configuration.

Bishop Boyea encourages families of students in all Catholic parishes in the City of Lansing to send their children to one of these two schools, which will share a common curriculum and tuition scale. The support of the other parishes in the city will be crucial in assuring the continued success of the Lansing Catholic Schools.

