

## DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER



May 9, 2018

To: St. Joseph Junior High Parents

Dear Parents,

We wanted to provide you with an update on St. Joseph Regional Junior High School and news from Trinity High School.

## **Campus Move**

At the end of March, in letters to parents of St. Joseph and Trinity schools, we indicated we were evaluating the feasibility of bringing St. Joseph Regional Junior High School to an expanded Trinity High School campus, as part of a grades 7-12 model. We also reviewed this at a St. Joseph parent meeting on April  $4^{th}$  during which we indicated there would be an update in early May.

Although no changes are planned for St. Joseph for the upcoming 2018-2019 school year and no final decision has been made, we are carefully considering a possible move to the Trinity campus:

- We have concluded that a move to the Trinity campus could provide significant benefits to our students. Most
  importantly, it could give them access to the wide array of academic and extracurricular offerings of Trinity,
  including robust STEM, art, music and theatre programs. It could also help support a much smoother
  matriculation into high school.
- Although no decision has been reached, we are beginning to evaluate options for accommodating the junior high
  at Trinity. These include renovation of the current buildings and/or adding new space (e.g., a junior high wing) to
  the campus. To allow our junior high students the ability to grow and mature as their own community, the design
  would provide a separate learning environment for them.
- Given the planning, construction and fundraising that would be needed, any move cannot likely take place before the 2020-2021 school year.
- In view of the magnitude of this initiative, it is important that we engage the community and the advisory boards of both schools. In the coming months, we will form a steering committee of parents and community members to help guide the decision and direction of this very important project.

## **Trinity High School News**

Mr. Steve Gadecki has been selected as the new principal of Trinity High School in Manchester, NH. With a Master's Degree in Educational Policy and Administration and over thirty years of experience working in both public and Catholic schools as both a teacher and an administrator, Mr. Gadecki is highly qualified for the position. Mr. Gadecki currently serves at an Assistant Principal at Trinity and officially begins his new position on July 1, 2018.

Also, we are excited to announce that beginning this fall, Trinity will see some significant upgrades to its physical plant. These will include bathroom modernizations, a new wi-fi/technology infrastructure, and interior painting. These upgrades are necessary so that as students are formed to be faith-filled leaders, they do so in an environment that provides them with every opportunity for success.

The Catholic School Vision 2020 (CSV2020) focuses on building matriculation and creating a robust Manchester system of Catholic schools. Our commitment to St. Joseph Junior High and Trinity High School is paramount in this vision. As these and other developments from the CSV2020 plan occur, we will keep you updated.

Thank you for your continued commitment to Catholic education in Manchester. We hope that you will join us as we work together to bring CSV2020 to fruition.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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