The On Mission for The Church Alive! initiative encompasses strategic planning for parishes and the regionalization process for Catholic elementary schools. Both run along parallel but independent tracks with the goals of growing the Church and the salvation of souls.

**WHAT SCHOOLS ARE INVOLVED IN THE STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS FOR THE PITTSBURGH-EAST REGION?**

- Saint Agnes, West Mifflin
- Saint Bede, Point Breeze
- Saint Bernadette, Monroeville
- East Catholic, Forest Hills
- Saint John the Baptist, Plum
- Saint Joseph, Verona
- Saint Maria Goretti, Bloomfield/Friendship/Garfield
- Mary of Nazareth, White Oak
- North American Martyrs, Monroeville
- Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Natrona Heights
- Saint Raphael, Morningside
- Saint Rosalia, Greenfield
- Sacred Heart, Shadyside
- Saint Therese of Lisieux, Munhall

**PITTSBURGH-EAST REGIONAL CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS ADVISORY BOARD**

An advisory board has been formed to help develop a region-specific strategy for Catholic education. The board is composed of six clergy and five lay members from the parishes in the region. The members of the board are:

- **Rev. Kevin Poecking**, Saint John the Baptist, Plum
- **Very Rev. Kris Stubna**, Saint Paul Cathedral, Oakland
- **Colette Finnegan**, Saint Bernadette, Monroeville
- **Mary-Peg Miller**, Saint Therese of Lisieux, Munhall
- **Lisa Sciullo**, Saint Maria Goretti, Bloomfield/Friendship/Garfield
- **Lawrence Scott**, Transfiguration, Russellton
- **Thomas Smith**, Saint Agnes, West Mifflin
WHAT WILL THE WORK OF THE ADVISORY BOARD BE?

- Assessing the viability of the schools in the region by examining:
  - Enrollment trends
  - Financial health
  - On Mission data
  - Condition of facilities
- The board will also:
  - Study long-term sustainability of the schools
  - Help improve student outreach, marketing, funding and development
- The goal of the advisory board is to keep our schools accessible, affordable and vibrant for future generations.

NEXT STEPS IN THE STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS

- Solicit qualitative information from each school about the programs—educational, spiritual, etc.—they offer.
- Study the quantitative information available for the schools and parishes that support them and assess the situation—financial, demographic, etc.—of each.
- Provide regular communications from the advisory board

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