CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
REGIONALIZATION
IN THE CITY AND EASTERN SUBURBS OF PITTSBURGH

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.

WHY ARE CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS IMPORTANT?

• Catholic schools form both the minds and hearts of the young people they serve.
• Academic formation prepares students to meet the demands of higher education.
• Spiritual formation encourages students to live virtuous lives and strengthens them in a daily relationship with Jesus.
• Catholic schools also support the life of faith of their students that is rooted in the domestic church of the family.
• The goal of Catholic schools is to do everything possible to set their students firmly on the path to heaven.

WHY REGIONALIZE THE CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS IN THE CITY OF PITTSBURGH AND EASTERN SUBURBS?

• Student populations at a number of Catholic elementary schools in this region have declined significantly.
• This has strained budgets, leading to tuition increases and the closing of some schools.
• The result of regionalization will allow the schools to more effectively fulfill their mission and grow the Church.

WHAT SCHOOLS WILL BE INVOLVED IN THE PITTSBURGH-EAST REGIONALIZATION PROCESS?

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/Garfield/Friendship
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
NEXT STEPS IN THE REGIONALIZATION PROCESS

• An advisory board of area pastors and lay people will be chosen by the pastors in the region. Their tasks include the review of:
  - Finances of schools and parishes in the region
  - Student enrollment histories and projections
  - School buildings and capital needs
  - *On Mission!* data of parishes in the region

• Upon completion of this review, the advisory board will formalize a plan and timeline for how regionalization will proceed.

• The goal of the advisory board is to make recommendations to Bishop Zubik for the 2018-19 school year.

• The board will provide regular updates to pastors, parishes and school parents.