



St. Catherine of Siena School  
A Lumen Christi Academy

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Dear St. Catherine of Siena Parish and School Community,

We would like to provide you an update on the status of the boiler system that supports the school building and parish hall. As you may know, the school building's boiler is no longer operational. Repairing or replacing the boiler were explored, but these did not prove to be viable, cost-effective options. Instead, we have decided to install a new HVAC system that will provide both heat and air conditioning. The HVAC's energy-efficient individual room units are designed to heat and cool quickly. The school's electrical system will need to be upgraded to accommodate these new units.

The cost for this project is estimated to be about \$175,000. St. Catherine of Siena Parish will utilize our Building and Renovation Fund, from the repurposed monies of the Building/Activity Center Project. Lumen Christi Academies will also contribute a percentage of the cost. Here is a detailed timeline of the [St. Catherine of Siena Parish and School facility renovations](#) providing context for how we arrived to where we are today.

We anticipate the HVAC installation project will take from 3 – 4 weeks, including approval from the City of Martinez and P G & E. The project involves the HVAC installer, an electrical contractor, and a general contractor. The project may be staggered to help facilitate a faster timeline. The details of the project have already been submitted to the City of Martinez for approval and permitting.

The school leadership will work with Mr. Troy Killorn and “The Five Years of Grace facilities team” to coordinate next steps. The contractors will need unlimited access to the building during the installation of the units so we anticipate shifts in the calendar will have to be made. The school will communicate potential impacts on the calendar once the installations dates are confirmed.

In the meantime, we thank you in advance for your patience and continued partnership.

Thank you and God Bless!

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