



OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CATHOLIC CHURCH

8968 Highway 23
Belle Chasse, LA 70037-2237

May 4, 2021

Dear Our Lady of Perpetual Help Families and Friends:

Thank you once again for your extraordinary efforts to keep the doors of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic School open. As we promised, we are keeping you posted on the progress looking ahead to the next school year.

As you know, the registration portal closed last night. At this time, we have 56 students registered in Pk1-7th grade for the 2021-2022 school year. The breakdown by grade level is as follows:

PK1/PK2: 12

PK3/PK4: 5

K: 4

1: 6

2: 1

3: 6

4: 1

5: 10

6: 4

7: 7

You may recall, our goal was to have at least 72 students registered in grades K-7. Despite not meeting this goal, the decision has been made to keep the doors of Our Lady of Perpetual Help open. We are moving forward with our search for a new school leader.

The model of education will be different as we cannot support a traditional K-7th structure with our current numbers. Therefore, the parish along with leadership in the archdiocesan administration will be exploring various models to provide quality Catholic education and faith formation to families who have chosen to remain enrolled at OLPH. We pledge to keep you apprised of our decisions as we develop and finalize plans.

With regards to PK-1/2 and PK-3/4, our goal is to generate enough revenue to cover direct operational expenses. In addition, we are shifting from a ten month prekindergarten program to a twelve month program. This decision was made based on the expressed needs of families in our community.

If at this time and with this information you no longer wish to enroll your child at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, it is imperative that you be in touch with the school office by Friday, May 7th. Our work to reimagine Catholic education at OLPH has already begun, but much depends on accurate enrollment numbers for the upcoming school year.

Please know that all of you remain in our prayers, and we are looking forward to working with the Friends of OLPH, the families of OLPH, and the entire community in this endeavor.

Sincerely in Christ,

Rev. Kyle Dave
Pastor

Dr. RaeNell Houston
Superintendent

Phone: 504-394-0314
Fax: 504-394-0376
churchoffice@olphbc.org
www.olphbc.org