

the inter-parochial school program, the responsibility of the operation of a school is placed into the hands of several parishes. The inter-parochial school would be attended by students from all of the area parishes. This approach enables the parishes to use the appropriate resources to offer a sound educational program that fits the available student population. This model has been successful in several other areas of the diocese.

The following changes will be implemented for the 2017-18 school year:

- Annunciation BVM, Immaculate Conception BVM, and Sacred Heart of Jesus schools will merge together under the unified name “Saint Teresa of Calcutta Catholic School” for grades K through 8.
- Two campuses will be used: Annunciation BVM and Sacred Heart of Jesus. Immaculate Conception BVM’s facility will not be used.
- Grades K through 3 will exist as “Saint Teresa of Calcutta, Conewago” at Sacred Heart of Jesus’s former campus. Grades 4 through 8 will exist as “Saint Teresa of Calcutta, McSherrystown” at Annunciation BVM’s campus.
- The Leadership Team will be: Executive Pastor – Rev. Charles L. Persing; Executive Principal (grades 4-8) Mrs. Patricia Foltz; and Principal (grades K-3) Mrs. Donna Hoffman.

This timeline will allow time for the three schools and parishes to prepare for the transition. The process of the merger will be coordinated by the staff of the Education Office of the Diocese.

The Committee will be working diligently over the next several months with the Diocese to establish an administrative and financial structure, board of directors, and fundraising initiatives. Parent and student input will be welcomed on the uniform, mascot, and additional aspects of the new school identity. A timeline is as follows:

- Immediately: Form a transition team of three pastors, three principals and two members from each parish school (Annunciation BVM, Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Conception BVM) of the new school entity
- November: New Constitution and By-Laws, Mission and Beliefs Statement, and Marketing Plan all established
- Prior to Catholic Schools Week (January): Establish tuition rates
- Formation of Parent Ambassador Committee to establish:
  - School colors and mascot
  - Uniforms sub-committee
  - Activities sub-committee
  - Moving sub-committee
  - New Home School sub-committee

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