

ADVANCEMENT UPDATE

The Core Team and Next Steps in Development Effort

As we have indicated in our communication over the past several months, St. Joseph Catholic School is moving forward with several initiatives – some of which will focus on developing the many resources of our school.

We define Catholic School Development as “the meaningful involvement of people in our mission and vision for the future.”

Over the summer, our **leadership team (Father Ed Anderson, Father Adam Laski, Jerry Van Dyke, Aaron Hendricks and Emily Hagen)** hosted two meetings with a group of selected individuals, whom we now call the Core Team. This team consists of current SJS parents, alumni, teachers, and parishioners from our Four Parish Cluster. The Core Team has committed themselves to providing the best direction and guidance to St. Joseph Catholic School and has worked closely with our Director of Advancement, our Pastors and Principal to facilitate the development process.

Please thank the following people for their commitment to the Core Team and our development efforts:

CORE TEAM

Deanna Aubart	Lisa Barta
Aleesha Drost	Karla Grenier
Chris Janssen	Julie Mazourek
Christie Nielsen	Rachel Oftedahl
Angie Paternina-Charron	Romaine Quinn
Doug and Sue Raether	Tom Richie
Carla Sirek	Ryan Stridde

This team has been instrumental in helping us come up with our challenges in development, communication, and people engagement efforts at St. Joseph Catholic School.

Our Development Challenges:

1. How can we continue to grow enrollment?
2. How can we rekindle with our alumni and keep them engaged in the school?
3. How can we grow in our Catholic Identity?
4. How can we increase the relationship (and likeness) between the school and cluster parishes?
5. How can we create better and consistent communications across our cluster parishes and school (two-way street communications)?
6. How do we continue to welcome all faith backgrounds while still maintaining our Catholic Identity?

The next step in this development process will be to form a Development Advisory Council (DAC) that will meet two times and help create a Strategic Plan for our Development, Communication, and People Engagement efforts. This is an exciting and challenging undertaking that will involve many people in an organized planning initiative.

With commitment and assistance by our Core Team, we have invited 80+ people to be a part of the process. We will be hosting our brainstorm sessions in September and October. Please pray for this process and the future of our development efforts at St. Joseph Catholic School.

New Executive School Board

The Diocese of Superior has provided its schools with a new organizational model to serve in an advisory role to the Pastor and principal. The Catholic School Executive Board will replace the Education Committee. Three parishioners will serve as Stewards on the Board, working with Father Ed Anderson, Jerry Van Dyke and the rest of the leadership team to guide decision making for the school. This Stewards on the Board will be onboarded in mid-September.