

## St. Margaret Mary Deanery Elementary Schools Question & Answer – December 11, 2005



**?** **Question** ...A couple Sunday's ago; we received an insert in the bulletin talking about the StMM deanery elementary school effort, updating us on what has happened as of the middle of November. In that update, they mentioned that Assumption was "talking & exploring Area Education Centers" with St. Ann, St. Clare, St. Margaret Mary and Little Flower.

... Who's talking to who? And what have they explored so far?

### **Answer** ...

So far, the talking has been among the parish pastors involved and the principals of these schools. They have met 4-5 times over the past two months. Most of the discussion has been to talk about the regional concept itself (referred to as Area Education Centers in the handout) and to allow all to voice their concerns and hopes for the future. As of today, the concept of regional Area Education Centers has been agreed to by all five of the elementary schools, but there is a lot of work to be done to determine how best to move towards this objective.

At the last meeting, it was decided that each parish/school would look for representatives from their parish to participate on one of the six new committees being formed. The following parishioners have been asked to represent Assumption School & Parish as participants on these committees.

- **Communications**
  - o Bill Rocklin
- **Technology & Facilities**
  - o Rick Reder
- **Finance**
  - o Jim Schultz
- **Governance**
  - o Kathy Lorenz
- **Religious Education & Parish Life**
  - o Clare Stentz
- **Personnel**
  - o Annette Braun

Representatives from the five parishes will gather for the first time in January to meet each other, to hear what has transpired in the discussions so far, and to be briefed on what is expected of them in the coming months. We will have more to report on this effort after the January meeting.

This effort should not be viewed as a "consolidation" effort, but rather as a Catholic community united ... united with a common goal of insuring continued Catholic Elementary education in the St. Margaret Mary Deanery for many years to come.

If you have any ideas that may help our effort or questions/concerns in a particular area, please contact Fr. Bill, any member of the pastoral council, or use the feedback form on the web site at <http://assumptionthehealthy.org/StMMDSchoolUpdate>; where you will find this report and all previous and future communications on this effort.