



Always Striving Beyond!

Rebuilding & Rebranding Plans!

July 2018



Dear Parents & Parishioners,

I am excited to share with you that the first meeting of our newly formed Academy School Board was this past Monday, July 9th, 2018. and as promised our first “order of business” was to digest and discuss the “HANDS” that were filled out from our meeting in the Church on Monday, June 6, 2018.

As the meeting began a **very energetic, open, and honest** discussion began as we read and shared the positive and constructive comments and input that folks wrote down on the “Hands of Christ.”

We marveled at what was said made us an outstanding school and we faced the critical concerns and constructive criticism that I, our Principal and the Board **has been hearing and will continue to address** at our next meeting on Monday, July 23, 2018.

I felt it only fair that I share with the Parish that we are taking active steps in improving, rebuilding and rebranding the Academy of St. Bartholomew so that we are able to offer and sustain excellence in a Catholic Education in Middleburg Heights.

As Pastor, by Canon Law, (church law) I am named **first principal** of the school and it is my top priority that a Catholic Education be passed on to our young parishioners. But I do not share this responsibility alone and thus our Academy is led by our Principal, Mrs. Elizabeth Palascak who has been a true asset not only as a teacher for many years but now as Principal for the past 12 years.

But when we work as close as we do sometimes we too, exhaust ourselves and our ideas are limited, as we are only human. And so as my first approach to remain committed to our school I have elected to post and interview candidates for a **Full-time Assistant Principal for the upcoming school year.**

I am looking for someone who will bring **energy, ideas and an outside/fresh approach** in helping share the “workload” in the administration of our school. This individuals **primary role** is to **help improve and build upon our Parent/School Communication, Marketing the school, and help myself, the Principal and Academy School Board strengthen our foundations and address the concerns from the “Hands”** that were filled out at our June meeting.

I ask for your support, encouragement and prayers as I remain committed to our Academy. We need **everyone’s help!** How can **YOU** help?

Our **greatest** form of marketing is **“Word of Mouth.”** And so I am asking **you** to show your **parish pride** in spreading the word and encouraging your family, friends and neighbors to come and “check us out.” We **do** have an excellent foundation, and yes maybe it’s time to “look at the cracks” and fix them...but we can only do this with your help!

Thank you for your kindness and generosity in the Sunday Collection as a portion of everyone’s offering go to **our school.** Please keep the Academy and Parish in your prayers as it effects us all!

Looking Forward to our First Day of School in August!

In Christ,

Fr. Len Bacik
Pastor