



SAINT JOHN FISHER PARISH

A Perspective: Tomorrow's Vision Benefits Today's Children



I became principal of St. John Fisher School in 2002 and almost immediately the faculty and I began the process of preparing for our Accreditation in 2004. We sent out surveys to the parents and students, and one of the questions was, “*What improvements would parents like to see in the school?*” The overwhelming response was: “*A grassy area for play, indoor gym, new library, science laboratory.* The hopes and dreams of the school families are now coming to fruition.

In October, 2010, a new play structure was installed in the courtyard area where, along with a re-sodded grassy area, the younger children can play freely and safely. A new blacktop area was created adjacent to this where the older students can play basketball, volleyball, and foursquare away from traffic and visitors to the parish. This beautiful new area is gated and enclosed by railing. A larger grassy area, enclosed by railing, extends from the new blacktop playground and curves around the length of Barrett Hall, where students can play ball games, or just relax!

We are all excited about the prospect of a gymnasium! On days that are extremely hot, or damp and foggy, students will be able to have PE, or team sports in the gym, instead of remaining in the classroom. Our after school sports teams can practice and host games in our own gym instead of traveling to other venues.

Each grade level in the school from Kindergarten to Grade 8 attends Mass once a week and we gather for a monthly school-wide liturgy. We are looking forward to worshipping in the new church and walking safely across the plaza, instead of crossing the parking lot.

We are an outstanding school with highly supportive parents, high caliber faculty and staff, and hard-working students for whom we want to provide the best, possible environment. The children of the parish are the future of the church and our parish community plays a critical role in evangelizing the culture. Let us work together to create an environment that is welcoming and attractive for young people. Let us inspire in them a sense of belonging to a

community that provides for their needs.

Anne-Marie Hudani
Principal



SITE TOUR NEXT SUNDAY!

February 13, 2011, with our Architect Shelly Hyndman

Walk with us as we visit the new rectory, children's play areas, and grass field; discuss project costs; see what our furnishings will look like; and answer your questions. See what the future of Saint John Fisher will look like:



- *Walking Tour Immediately After 9:00 A.M. Mass*
- *Walking Tour Immediately After 10:45 A.M. Mass*
- *Visual Presentation Immediately After 12:30 P.M. Mass*

Walking tours will be approximately 30 minutes from start to finish. The visual presentation will be about an hour.

Hardhat **Not** Required



You Decide

"We could do so much charity with \$20 million."

It's true, a lot of charity can be done with \$20 million dollars, but let's think for a moment what inspires our good will. In Church, when we experience God's presence we're more motivated to help and feel a deeper call to action. The spiritual nourishment we receive in church translates to more active ministries outside of church. The new church will be a solid foundation to inspire new activities.

"We should just wait until the economy is better."

This is a very competitive time for construction companies. They are hungry for the work eager and to do what it takes to be awarded a project. By building sooner rather than later, we can take advantage of weak demand and get a better price.

"Why are we doing this now?"

- March-2011, we will be one month into our 90-day extension with RPV while we wait for Archdiocesan approval.
- March-2011, SJF meets with the Archdiocese for approval to bid and award project.
- March-2011, our fundraising should be complete at \$5 million.
- 2011 Construction starts on the new Church

If we do not have a sufficient amount pledged, we cannot bid and award the project.

- Our city extension will end, and our permit will expire.
- We will need to re-apply for permits, meaning more city hearings, possibly as litigious as last time.
- We start construction at an UNKNOWN date.

This is why we need your support now. See this week's mailer to learn how you can help.