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DIOCESAN NEWS



PRIESTS ON THE MOVE

New priest assignments covered in next FaithLife

Bishop Lawrence Persico has made 30 priest appointments, and has accepted the retirements of four other priests, as part of the final logistical steps in the restructuring of parishes in the Diocese of Erie.

Priests who have been assigned to new parishes—either as a pastor, senior associate or parochial vicar—will begin their duties effective Feb. 13. Forty-one percent of registered Catholic households in the diocese will be affected by the priest changes.

"In some ways, this is a historic moment in the diocese," Bishop Persico said. "We all know that change is difficult, and it may be difficult for all these priests and the people they serve. It's going to be a mutual experience. I do have to say that I was very proud of our presbyterate because of their willingness to say 'yes.'"

The Feb. 5 edition of *FaithLife* will feature a list of the new priest assignments, as well as retirements.

Two years ago, the diocese began a study of its parishes and schools to determine the best way to meet the needs of the people of God in the 13 counties of northwestern Pennsylvania.

A pastoral plan for schools and parishes was announced in 2016. Declining numbers of priests and major demographic changes contributed to the need for parish and school restructuring.

Gannon joins effort to enhance Erie's bayfront

Gannon University, whose campus spreads throughout downtown Erie, joined other noted neighborhood stakeholders in funding a new development project expected to enhance the City of Erie's west bayfront.

Gannon has committed \$600,000 to Our West Bayfront, a community organization intended to improve the quality of life in Erie's west bayfront neighborhoods.

The intention is to promote civic involvement, thoughtful development, historic preservation and neighborhood pride.

At a news conference Jan. 6 inside Gannon's Old Main, Gannon President Keith Taylor said: "We must all work together to move our downtown core forward. Erie's west Bayfront neighborhoods are so rich in promise."

Other entities that committed funds to the \$1.6 million project are: UPMC Health Plan, Marquette Savings Bank, and Erie Insurance.

They join several other supporting organizations, including the Martin Luther King Center, Housing and Neighborhood Development Service (HANDS), National Fuel Gas, the Neighborhood Resource Organization, Neighborhood Watch Council and the United Way of Erie County.

Anna Frantz has been named executive director of Our West Bayfront. She comes to her new position from Erie's Emerge 2040 initiative.

Abortions in Pennsylvania drop, but activists remain concerned

BY MARY SOLBERG | FAITHLIFE

Abortions in Pennsylvania have decreased since 1980, according to the Pennsylvania Department of Health. Yet, pro-life activists in the Erie area remain troubled by the 31,818 abortions performed in the commonwealth in 2015.

The Department of Health's recently released report covers data from 2015, the last year in which complete statistics are available.

The 2015 numbers represent 308 fewer abortions than in 2014.

Amy Hill, director of communications for the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference, wrote recently that the Department of Health figures don't speak to what she called "the gruesome reality of abortion."

In a column penned for the PC, the public affairs agency of Pennsylvania's Catholic bishops, Hill outlined the distressing methods used to perform abortion (medical/non-surgical, suction curettage, and dilation and evacuation).

"Abortion is the defining political controversy of our time; but do we know and understand its real human cost?" Hill wrote.

She added: "A new legislative session has begun in Harrisburg presenting fresh opportunities to shape pro-life public policy. With faith, perseverance, and the courage to tell the truth, abolitionists in the 19th century outlawed slavery. Will citizens 150 years from now say the same about us and abortion?"

Erin Landini-Grogan, director of the Respect Life Office of the Diocese of Erie, noted that there are no abortion clinics within the geographical boundaries of the 13-county diocese. However, women here are still seeking abortions elsewhere.

"I only hope that we could live in a society that values the unborn and protects women while they are pregnant," Landini-Grogan said. "There are many preg-

Induced abortions performed in 2015 in Pennsylvania

By Weeks of Gestation	Number	By Residence in Diocese of Erie	Total
8 or less	20,164	Cameron	4
9-10	5,146	Clarion	40
11-12	2,590	Clearfield	49
13-14	1,571	Crawford	57
15-17	1,315	Elk	21
18-20	652	Erie	184
21-23	380	Forest	2
24 or more	0	Jefferson	35
		McKean	13
TOTAL	31,818	Mercer	117
		Potter	6
		Venango	30
		Warren	9

Source: Pennsylvania Department of Health, 2016

There are no abortion clinics in the Diocese of Erie, but PA Department of Health Statistics show that more than 500 women who live in the geographical area covered by the diocese sought abortions elsewhere in 2015.

nancy resource centers in our diocese that give women life-affirming options and help them as they journey through their pregnancies."

The Department of Health report shows that women who live in each of the 13 counties of the diocese sought out and carried through on an abortion in 2015. (See the chart above.) Most of those women (184) live in Erie County.

Of all the abortions performed in Pennsylvania in 2015, 82 percent were in four counties: Allegheny, Dauphin, Northampton and Philadelphia. Those procedures took place at 21 hospitals and 19 non-hospital facilities statewide.

"The statistics serve as a reminder that we are all called to protect the dignity of life from the moment of conception to

natural death," Landini-Grogan said.

Tim Broderick, president of Erie's People for Life, added that the number of abortions has been dropping, in part because of new pro-life laws enacted by individual states, including Pennsylvania.

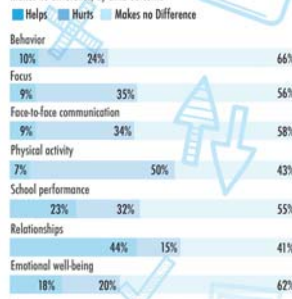
"Until the government fulfills its fundamental obligation to secure equal protection under the law for all, including children prior to birth, the injustice of abortion will most certainly continue," Broderick said.

Under Pennsylvania's Abortion Control Act, the state Department of Health is required to prepare and distribute annually a comprehensive report on abortion.

The 2015 report can be read in its entirety at www.health.pa.gov under the heading "PA Health Statistics."

How parents view their children's use of social media

Parents who believe their children's use of social media helps, hurts, or makes no difference, by child outcome



Parents who are "moderately" or "extremely" worried about their children's use of the internet



Pope requests youth to share their hopes, doubts

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Pope Francis asked young people to tell him, their bishops and pastors about their hopes and struggles and even their criticisms.

In preparation for a meeting of the Synod of Bishops focused on youth, the pope wrote a letter to young people, saying the church wants "to listen to your voice, your sensitivities and your faith, even your doubts and your criticism."

"Make your voice heard," the pope told young people. "Let it resonate in communities and let it be heard by your shepherds of souls."

The pope's letter was released Jan. 13 along with the preparatory document for the synod. The document includes a series of questions to be answered by national conferences of bishops and other church bodies. The responses, along with input from young people themselves, will form the basis of the synod's working document.

Pope Francis chose "Young people, faith and vocational discern-



World Youth Day pilgrims sit in front of Pope Francis as he leads a prayer vigil in Poland last July.

ment" as the theme for the synod gathering, which will be held in October 2018.

Youth will have an opportunity to contribute to the working document by submitting reflections on their expectations and their lives through a dedicated website: www.sindogiovani.va. The website will be launched March 1.

In his letter, the pope stated: "A better world can be built also as a result of your efforts, your desire to change and your generosity. Do not be afraid to listen to the Spirit who proposes bold choices; do not delay when your conscience asks you to take risks in following the Master."

OUT IN THE COLD

BELGRADE, Serbia—Migrants wait in line to receive food during a snowfall in Belgrade Jan. 9. National Migration Week runs Jan. 8-14 in the United States. For more resources on migrants and refugees, go to www.ErieRCD.org/justice.htm.



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Newsmakers



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Man's 'dark past' becomes asset in recovery ministry

SAN DIEGO (CNS)—Thirty-one-year-old Scott Weeman is a newlywed who enjoys the love of his family and a supportive community of friends. He has found fulfillment in a rewarding ministry, and he recently finished his first book, scheduled for publication in late 2017.



Scott Weeman

Flash back to Oct. 9, 2011, when Weeman had hit bottom and, in a long-distance call to his parents and a few remaining close friends, admitted that he needed help.

He had gone through what he calls "nine years of darkness," enslaved by an alcohol and drug addiction that damaged some of his closest relationships, cost him a full-tuition college scholarship, and resulted in two driving-under-the-influence charges and several underage drinking citations.

"God has awoken me to believe...that I can use my dark past as a great asset to help others," said Weeman, founder of the nonprofit organization Catholic in Recovery.

Started in spring 2015 as nothing more than a blog, it received its nonprofit status in April. The organization's roots can be traced back to a discovery that Weeman made shortly after embracing sobriety, when he began attending meetings for recovering alcoholics while simultaneously becoming more active in the church.

He found that the spiritual principles that were the foundation of both the church and addiction recovery programs "were really the same tenets."

Catholic in Recovery offers addiction recovery resources within the context of Catholic spirituality and "the life-giving sacraments of the church," he explained.

Pope baptizes 28 infants



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Pope Francis baptizes one of 28 babies in the Sistine Chapel at the Vatican Jan. 8.

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Parents are charged with guarding the faith given to their children at baptism and helping them become true witnesses by example rather than just rules, Pope Francis said.

Christian parents have the task of helping their children grow so that they "may be witnesses for all of us: also for us priests, bishops, everyone," the pope said during a Mass in the Sistine Chapel Jan. 8, the feast of the baptism of the Lord.

Pope Francis baptized 28 infants—15 boys and 13 girls.

"Faith is not reciting the 'Creed' on Sunday when we go to Mass," the pope said. "Faith is believing that which is the truth: God the Father who has sent his Son, and the Spirit, which gives us life."

Catholic-Muslim dialogue opens to support Islamic Americans

WASHINGTON (CNS)—An emerging Catholic dialogue with Muslims aims to show public support for Islamic-American communities.

The dialogue stems from concerns expressed by U.S. bishops in the wake of "a serious uptick in violence against American Muslims...to make sure that they are sensitive to what is going on in the (Muslim) communities," said Anthony Cirelli, associate director of the Secretariat for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs at the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

The dialogue, underway since last February, will build on three already existing regional Catholic-Muslim dialogues, also overseen by the secretariat.



Editor's Notes

Mary SOLBERG

Change is for certain. This has been the common refrain the past two years as the diocese has examined the structure of our parishes and schools.

On page 4, diocesan school officials talk about moving forward with renewed vigor as teachers, parents and students embrace the changes set forth in the new school plan, "Building In Truth and Love."

In the next issue of *FaithLife*, readers will learn all of the new priest assignments made in conjunction with parish restructuring.

Bishop Lawrence Persico has called these new assignments "historic," perhaps the largest number of changes at one time in the history of the diocese.

During *FaithLife's* holiday hiatus, a few noteworthy retirement celebrations occurred.

Mercy Sister Mary Andrew Himes was honored by the Serra Club of Erie at a luncheon at the Erie Club.

For 33 years, Sister Mary Andrew served as the coordinator of liturgical music at St. Mark Seminary. She supported a generation



Mercy Sister Mary Andrew Himes talks at her retirement luncheon in December.



Sister Margaret O'Brien, SSI, and Msgr. Joseph Wardanski retired after years of service at St. Mary's Home, Erie.

of young men on their journeys through the discernment process to priestly ministry.

She also taught music to elementary students and taught at the D'Angelo School of Music at

Mercyhurst University, Erie, and at Mercyhurst Prep. Additionally, she led the chapel choir at Gannon University.

In early January, staff and residents at Saint Mary's Home, East, feted **Sister Margaret O'Brien, SSI**, and **Msgr. Joseph Wardanski** upon their recent retirements.

Sister Margaret held various positions at Saint Mary's, East, over a 30-year period. She was a nurse's aide for many years and retired as a residential supervisor. Msgr. Wardanski served as a chaplain at Saint Mary's East for 40 years.

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Congratulations to **Adeline and Gerald Shewan** of Erie who celebrate their 75th wedding anniversary this weekend. They were married at Blessed Sacrament Church in Erie on Jan. 22, 1942, when she was only 18 and he was 19.

Now 92 and 93, the couple lives in a retirement community in Erie, where they will celebrate with a small family party. Three surviving children will be present for the festivities. But the legacy doesn't end there. The Shewans have 12 granddaughters, 10 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

When asked the secret to a long marriage, Adeline said, "Everybody asks that. I guess you just look over a lot and keep going!"

What was the best part of the past 75 years? "All of it," Adeline said.

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Cathedral Prep grad **Conor Colpoys**, now a senior at the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Ind., had an unusual Christmas break this year.

Colpoys was among 10 college students who took the Pittsburgh Urban Plunge Jan. 3-5, sleeping in homeless shelters and interacting with people at more than a dozen Pittsburgh agencies serving the underprivileged. The Plunge was administered by Notre Dame's Center for Social Concerns and the Notre Dame Alumni Club of Pittsburgh.

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Benedictine Sister Marlene Bertke, 84, was among four people recognized by the *Erie Times-News* recently as having "a lasting, positive impact" on the Erie region.

Sister Marlene was recognized for helping to found the Take Back the Site vigil program in November 1999. Vigils are held at the site of every murder in the Erie area. Despite knee replacements and arthritis, Sister Marlene has attended all 98 vigils.

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Buses heading to March for Life in Washington

ERIE—People for Life of Erie is chartering buses headed to the March for Life in Washington, D.C., Jan. 27. Buses will leave Erie Jan. 26 at 11 p.m. and return Jan. 28 at about 2 a.m. For more information, call 814-882-1333, or go to www.peopleforlife.life/january2017.

St. Bartholomew to host spaghetti dinner

SHARPSVILLE—The Holy Name Society of St. Bartholomew Church will host a spaghetti dinner at its parish center, 311 W. Ridge Ave., Sharpsville, Jan. 29 from noon to 4 p.m. All are welcome to attend. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. The event also will feature a bake sale, 50/50 raffles, side raffles and pull-tab games in accordance with the Pennsylvania Small Games of Chance law. Proceeds benefit the St. Bartholomew Parish Preservation Fund. Tickets can be purchased at the door or from any Holy Name Society member, or by calling 724-962-2656 or 724-962-7130. Take-outs are available.

Catholic Community of Meadville to host seven-week 'Discovering Christ' event

MEADVILLE—The Catholic Community of Meadville is hosting a seven-week series, titled "Discovering Christ," scheduled Sundays from Feb. 12 to April 2 at St. Mary of Grace Parish Center, 1085 Water St., Meadville. Each evening begins at 6 p.m., with dinner included. Besides dinner, there will be teaching and small-group discussion on the meaning of life in Jesus Christ. A separate retreat will be held March 18 as part of the series. For more information or to register, go to www.oelf-meadville.org, or call 814-333-2274, ext. 2.

Annual Men's Conference planned for 2017

ERIE—The fourth annual Erie Men's Conference, a Catholic outreach to men of faith, is scheduled for March 25. The half-day conference will be held at the Warner Theater in downtown Erie from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Presented by 2232 Men, a non-profit subsidiary of the Reason for Our Hope Foundation, Erie, the conference includes prayer, reflection, worship, speakers, Mass and time for confession. Bishop Lawrence Persico will be in attendance all day and preside over the opening ceremonies and closing Mass. The cost is \$40. For more information or to register, go to www.2232men.com.

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OBITUARIES

Father Eldon K. Somers

Priest, longtime educator dies at age 98

Father Eldon K. Somers, 98, died Jan. 3 at Springhill Senior Living Community in Erie. He was a longtime educator in the Diocese of Erie.

Last year, he celebrated his 65th anniversary as a priest. Reflecting on his jubilee year, Father Somers told *FaithLife* that books could not explain God. "Faith is going to have to play a greater part to be happy," he said, adding that only three things were needed in life: faith, hope and charity.

Born Dec. 28, 1918, in Buffalo, he was the son of the late Raymond and Estelle (Lutz) Somers. He graduated from Kenmore Senior High School in Kenmore, N.Y., in 1936, and earned his bachelor's degree in social studies from Canisius College, Buffalo, in



Father Eldon K. Somers

1940. He entered Christ the King Seminary in 1947, and was ordained a priest in 1951 at St. Peter Cathedral, Erie.

He obtained his master's in educational administration in 1946, and his doctorate in education in 1963. His first assignment was to the faculty at Cathedral Preparatory School in Erie, where he remained until 1956. He also taught at Gannon University (1958-60, 1962-67), Mercyhurst University (1962), and Clarion University (1969-91).

Father Somers was appointed chaplain of the Newman Apostolate at Clarion University from 1967-69, and also served as weekend assistant at Immaculate Conception Parish in Clarion. He retired in 1991, but continued to help at Mercyhurst University as a counselor and occasional lecturer on sociology until 2015.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Don and Lowell Somers. Survivors include two sisters-in-law; Eileen and Theresa Somers.

A funeral Mass was held Jan. 9 at Christ the King Chapel at Mercyhurst University, with Bishop Emeritus Donald Trautman as the main celebrant. Burial was private in Forest Lawn Cemetery, Buffalo.

Memorials may be made to Mercyhurst Preparatory School, 538 East Grandview Blvd., Erie, PA 16504.

Sister Janet Staab, OSB

Educator, archivist dies in 61st year of religious life

Benedictine Sister Janet Staab (formerly Sister Mary Joan), OSB, 79, died Jan. 5 at Saint Vincent Hospital in Erie. She was in her 61st year of religious life.

A native of Oil City, Sister Janet was the daughter of the late Charles and Ceelia (Selker) Staab. She entered the Benedictine Sisters of Erie in 1955, pronounced first vows in 1956, and perpetual monastic vows in 1960.

Sister Janet held a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Mercyhurst University, and a master's in elementary math from Clarion University of Pennsylvania. In addition



Sister Janet Staab, OSB

to teaching for 21 years in the Diocese of Erie, she taught religious education classes in parish schools in Sharon, Clarion, Oil City and Erie. She spent some time in ministry with L'Arche Erie.

She worked as the community's chronicler for seven years, and served for nearly 35 years as the Erie Benedictines' archivist, retiring in 2014 due to health issues. Known for her strong will, Sister Janet's unwavering determination sustained her through physical challenges. She spent her final years embracing the ministry of prayer and presence.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her brothers: Charles, Bernard and Eugene; and her beloved Aunt Olivia. Survivors include members of her Benedictine community; her brother, Joseph; her sisters, Mary Staab Alcorn and Margaret (Peg) Toscano; her sisters-in-law, Jacqueline Kraus Staab and Marilyn Staab; and many nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Jan. 10 at Mount Saint Benedict Monastery, Erie. Interment was at Trinity Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Benedictine Sisters of Erie, 6101 East Lake Road, Erie, PA 16511.

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January is a time of possibilities and resolutions, nurtured by the hope for something greater than before. As the Catholic schools of the Diocese of Erie move from a year of planning into a year of implementation, I am excited about the future.

Five months ago, I was appointed superintendent of the Catholic schools in our 13-county diocese. I accepted the position just as the two-year study of our school structure was coming to a close. It has been a time of great challenge and great anticipation.

During my visits to 21 schools so far, I have witnessed the passionate commitment to Catholic education by our parents, teachers, administrators and pastors. More than once, I was invited into a classroom in which students—in their beautiful innocence—sang or prayed a blessing over me. Talk about being inspired!

That's when the full responsibility of my new duties became crystal clear. Such profoundly Catholic, educational moments must continue for future generations of students.

I expect to visit more schools by the end of this month, particularly during Catholic Schools Week.

One of the questions I have fielded the most

during these first months has been, "What does a superintendent do?"

First, the superintendent serves as the representative for both the bishop and the vicar for education. It is my responsibility to oversee all the schools in the diocese and to carry out the vision and mission for Catholic education as set forth by the bishop and the vicar in our new school plan, "Building in Truth and Love."

Second, I work with pastors and principals in parish-based schools, and I collaborate with our school system presidents to ensure success in the areas of Catholic identity, governance and leadership, academic excellence, and operational vitality. There are many goals identified for both parish- and system-based schools that will take a while to implement. Three projects that have emerged as priorities include: creating the new Erie Catholic School System of six campuses, developing and implementing a comprehensive professional development plan, and forming a parish-based school collaborative.

My position is still a work in progress. Although we are building upon the rich tradition of Catholic education in our diocese, we still must develop the many new and exciting aspects of "Building in Truth and Love." This is going to take time.

I am working with the staff in the Catholic Schools Office to identify priorities and examine data that was gathered in the two-year study. Using this data, we will redefine our objectives to align with the needs and strategies outlined in the new plan.

Indeed, it's an exciting time for Catholic education in the Diocese of Erie. I'm proud to be a part of it and to work with educators who are fully committed to taking our schools into a new era. But, especially, I need your support, prayers and continued commitment to bringing Christ's light into our classrooms. ■

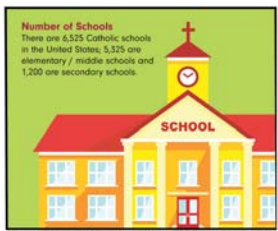


Book selection

Parish School: A History of American Catholic Parochial Education from Colonial Times to the Present (Revised and Expanded Edition) by Timothy Walch. Available through the National Catholic Educational Association website: www.ncea.org. Walch has written extensively about Catholic education and provides a re-view mirror perspective that ought to help the drivers of Catholic school education on the journey ahead.



Source: U.S. Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools (2013-2014). The Annual Statistical Report on Schools, Enrollment and Staffing (NSAS).



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Technology updates



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DuBOIS—DuBois Central Catholic elementary students experiment with their new iPads purchased through a grant from the Glenn and Ruth Mengle Foundation. Lilah Vida, foreground, joins Evan Dixon and Kairys Martini as they test their math knowledge on their iXL Math Program installed on 50 of the new iPad AIR 2 models replacing the school's outdated devices.

School plan to unfold in 2017

BY MARY SOLBERG | FAITHLIFE

Many of the recommendations put forth in last year's historic "Building in Truth and Love" plan for Catholic schools in the Diocese of Erie will be implemented in 2017, with 33 schools operating in 13 counties.

Eleven of those schools will be traditional parish-based schools. They are:

- Immaculate Conception School, Clarion
- St. Bernard Elementary/Middle School, Bradford
- St. Francis School, Clearfield
- St. Gregory School, North East
- St. Joseph School, Lucinda
- St. Joseph School, Warren
- St. Michael School, Greenville
- St. Patrick School, Franklin
- St. Stephen School, Oil City
- St. Cosmas and Damian School, Punxsutawney
- Seton Catholic School, Meadville.

One will be sponsored by a religious order:

- Mercyhurst Preparatory School, Erie.

One will be sponsored by the diocese:

- Venango Catholic High School, Oil City.

One is under exploration as an inner-city mission school:

- Holy Family School, Erie.

Nineteen schools will fall under the umbrella of five separate school systems:

- DuBois Area Catholic Schools (three schools on one campus)
- Elk County Catholic School System (five schools on four campuses)
- Erie Catholic School System (opening in 2017-18 with six schools on six campuses)
- Erie Catholic Preparatory School (two schools on two campuses)
- Shenango Valley Catholic School System, "Kennedy Catholic Family of Schools" (three schools on two campuses).

In June 2017, three Catholic elementary schools will close:

- St. Boniface, Erie
- Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Erie
- Villa Maria Elementary, Erie.

Other components of the school plan will be implemented strategically over the next several years. "We've embarked on an ambitious project to significantly improve our Catholic schools," says Father Nicholas Rouch, vicar for education. "The more I speak with folks around the diocese, the more I hear their eagerness to do things differently and better for the good of our children. Pastors, parents and educators recognize the wisdom of 'Building in Truth and Love,' and want to help their schools make the necessary changes."

Kim Lytle, director of curriculum for diocesan schools, says administrators and faculty representing parish-based schools outside the City of Erie already have begun to meet and work cooperatively.

"All 11 parish-based schools have formed a collaborative so they can support each other by sharing educational resources and professional development, writing common grants and developing marketing materials," Lytle says.

The newest school system—based in Erie with six separate campuses—has begun to address such issues as personnel, budget, organizational structure, advancement, embedded middle school curriculum and athletics.

Currently enrolled families in the schools that will make up the Erie Catholic School System will be able to re-enroll in January.

After Catholic Schools Week, registration will be opened at the six Erie campuses to families from Catholic schools that are closing. After that, the general public is welcome to register.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES — 2017

BRADFORD

St. Bernard Elementary and Middle School
450 W. Washington St.
814-385-5302
■ Call for private tours.

CLARION

Immaculate Conception School
729 E. Main St.
814-226-8433
■ Call for private tours.

CLEARFIELD

St. Francis School
230 S. Second St.
814-765-2618
■ Jan. 29, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

DuBOIS

DuBois Central Catholic Elementary School
210 Central Christian Road
814-371-2570
■ Jan. 29, noon-2 p.m.

DuBois Central Catholic Middle School
200 Central Christian Road
814-371-3060
■ Jan. 29, noon-2 p.m.

DuBois Central Catholic High School

200 Central Christian Road
814-371-3060
■ Jan. 29, noon-2 p.m.

ERIE

Blessed Sacrament School
2510 Greengarden Road
814-455-1387
■ Jan. 29, 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Cathedral Preparatory School

225 W. 9th St.
814-453-7737
■ Call for private tours.

Holy Family School

1153 E. 9th St.
814-452-4720
■ Jan. 29, 1-2:30 p.m.

Mercyhurst Preparatory School

538 E. Grandview Blvd.
814-824-2323 (Admissions)
■ Call for private tours.

Our Lady of Peace School

2401 W. 38th St.
814-838-3548
■ Jan. 29, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Our Lady's Christian School

606 Lowell Ave.
814-838-7676
■ Jan. 29, 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

St. George School

1612 Bryant St.
814-864-4821
■ Jan. 29, 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

St. James School

2602 Buffalo Road
814-899-3429
■ Jan. 29, noon-3 p.m.

St. Luke School

425 E. 38th St.
814-825-7105
■ Jan. 29, 1-3 p.m.

Villa Maria Academy

2403 W. Eighth St.
814-838-2061
■ Call for private tours.

FRANKLIN

St. Patrick School
952 Buffalo St.
814-432-8689
■ Jan. 29, noon-1 p.m.

GREENVILLE

St. Michael School
80 N. High St.
724-588-7050
■ Feb. 2, 8:30-8 p.m.

HERMITAGE

St. John Paul II Elementary School
2335 Highland Road
724-342-2205
■ Jan. 29, 12:30-2 p.m.

Kennedy Catholic Middle School

2120 Shenango Valley Freeway
724-346-5531
■ Jan. 29, 12:30-2 p.m.

Kennedy Catholic High School

2120 Shenango Valley Freeway
724-346-5531
■ Jan. 29, 12:30-2 p.m.

KERSEY

St. Boniface School
359 Main St.
814-885-8093
■ Every Thursday in January, 9 a.m. Call in advance.

LUCINDA

St. Joseph School
72 Rectory Lane
814-226-8018
■ Jan. 29, 8:30 a.m.-noon

MEADVILLE

Seton Catholic School
125 Depot St.
814-336-2320
■ Feb. 1, 5:30-7 p.m.

NORTH EAST

St. Gregory School
140 W. Main St.
814-725-4571
■ Jan. 29, 1-2:30 p.m.

OIL CITY

St. Stephen School
214 Reed St.
814-677-3036
■ Call for private tours.

Venango Catholic High School

1505 W. First St.
814-677-3036
■ Feb. 1, 6-8 p.m.

PUNXSUTAWNEY

Ss. Cosmas & Damian School
205 N. Chestnut St.
814-938-4224
■ Jan. 29, noon-2 p.m.

RIDGWAY

St. Leo School
125 Depot St.
814-772-9775
■ Feb. 2, 6 p.m.
Prospective students only.

ST. MARYS

St. Marys Catholic Elementary School
114 Queens Road
814-834-4169
■ Call for private tours.

St. Marys Catholic High School

600 Maurus St.
814-834-2665
■ Feb. 1, 6-8 p.m.

Elk County Catholic High School

600 Maurus St.
814-834-2665
■ Feb. 1, 6-8 p.m.

WARREN

St. Joseph School
608 Pennsylvania Ave., West
814-723-2030
■ Jan. 29, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.