



One Lord, One Faith, One School

In March 2004, the Archdiocese granted final approval to purchase the land and proceed with construction of the new school. Fundraising for the new school involved a major Capital Campaign, ***One Lord, One Faith, One School***. The financial and prayerful support from Coatesville Catholic families and the five-parish community was extraordinary. The School Campaign Steering committee, led by co-chairs James Griffin and Charlene Gentile, raised over \$4 million for the \$12 million building project.



As groundbreaking approached, the school needed a name. Both parishioners and school students were asked to submit possible names; nearly 70% suggested the name **"Pope John Paul II"**. Since Pope John Paul II was a strong promoter of Catholic education and had a remarkable ability to relate to youth, it seemed fitting that the school receive his name. Cardinal Justin Rigali approved the name on May 18, 2005 which was the late Pope's 85th Birthday.

On June 5, 2005, an unseasonably warm day, Cardinal Rigali officiated at the groundbreaking ceremony where he blessed the grounds and prayed in front of parishioners, religious leaders, and civil dignitaries for a timely completion of the new school. Joining Sister Helen were Father Francis Mulranen, Father John Oulds, Father Michael J. Fitzpatrick, and Father Hans A. L. Brouwers, all of whom played pivotal roles in bringing us to this momentous day.

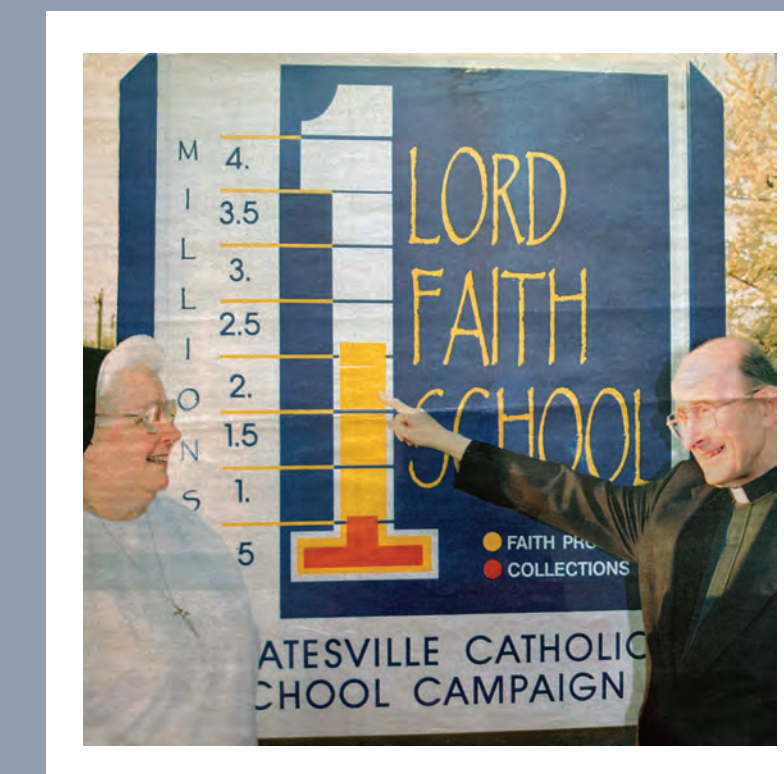


*We plan for generations of children we will never know....
and plant trees under whose shade we will never sit.*

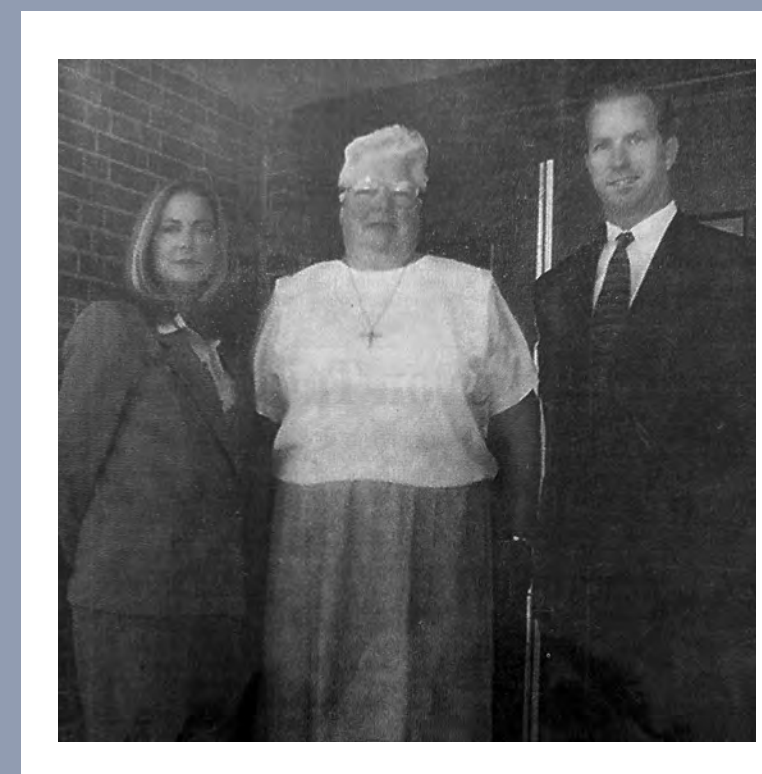
State of the Art Building

As the 2006-07 school year approached, the excitement mounted. Finally, the entire student body would be located under one roof; brothers, sisters and friends could all attend school together. The 90,000 square foot building was equipped with A/C, a public address system, 91 rooms including a modern gymnasium, a large multi-purpose room, a state of the art computer lab, science lab, library, art and music studios, intermediate unit areas, and expansive fields for outdoor recess, extracurricular and CYO activities. The school's new colors would be maroon and white and their mascot the Saint. Completion of the top floor, earmarked for future growth, would be deferred until several years later.

The faculty and staff with the help of hundreds of dedicated CACES parents and alumni, moved all their belongings from the old buildings to the new one on January 2 and 3, 2007. The classrooms already outfitted with new desks and chairs were quickly filled with books, computers, and supplies.



The Capital Campaign to build the new school with Sr. Helen Loretta and Father Romano



Steering Committee: Charlene Gentile, Sr. Helen Loretta and James Griffin



C.A.C.E.S PACES Walk-a-thon



NEW SCHOOL FUN FACTS:

- ▶ 24 subcontractors
- ▶ 70 speakers in the PA system
- ▶ 377 feet long
- ▶ 91 rooms
- ▶ 288 trees and 238 shrubs

