

# LIGHTING THE WAY NEWS

Lighting the Way: A Visioning for Catholic Schools

MAY 2012

## **Vision Timeline:**

Jan. 2011: Beginning of Phase One

Jan.-Aug. 2011: Data Gathering

May-June 2011: Visioning Sessions

Aug. 2011: University Summit

Sept. 2011: Release of Assessment Report

Sept. 2011: Beginning of Phase Two

Oct. 2011: Formation of Task Forces

Oct.-April: Task Forces Meet

Oct. - April: Visioning Sessions

**May-July 2012:  
Completion of Final Report**

Aug. 2012: Release of Final Report

## **LETTER FROM: DR. JIM RIGG**

Dear Supporters of our Catholic Schools,

For the past two years, we have been deeply involved in defining a new vision for Catholic school education in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. This work is nearly complete. In August, we will be presenting our final vision for the public. I remain tremendously optimistic about the content of this vision. I know that our vision will provide for vibrant Catholic schools for years to come.

This newsletter will be our last "Lighting the Way News" before we release our vision. In this edition, you will read about how the vision will be presented, and how you can learn first-hand of the contents of this vision.

I would like to acknowledge and sincerely thank all of those who participated in creating our vision. The members of the Vision Steering Committee dedicated countless hours to planning, strategizing, and even debate. The Task Forces have worked hard and devoted much time. Our school pastors, principals, presidents, and business managers have continu-

ally helped to form the vision through Visioning Sessions, planning meetings, and other forums. Many parents, teachers, staff members, students, benefactors, and others have provided their thoughts through letters, e-mails, Visioning Sessions, and face-to-face conversations. In short, I know that our vision will be successful because it represents the input and participation of the people of the Archdiocese. Thank you for sharing your passion for our Catholic schools!

I encourage you to stay tuned to our website throughout the summer for updates and announcements. The website can be accessed through [www.catholiccincinnati.org](http://www.catholiccincinnati.org). Select "Lighting the Way" on the site.

May God bless our final weeks of vision formation, and grant you a summer of relaxation and peace.

Yours in Christ.

Dr. Jim Rigg



## ***The End of Phase Two: Rolling Out the Vision***

The vision formation process will officially come to a close in August with the release of the vision to the public. Over the past month, the Task Forces have completed their work, and the final Vision Report has been drafted. This report is now being studied and edited. The report will eventually be turned into an Executive Summary that will be released publicly in the early fall. *(cont. on*

## *The End of Phase Two: Rolling Out the Vision (cont. from pg.1)*

The vision contains a clear message of hope. It is clear that Catholic schools are important to the people of the Archdiocese. As a result, it is our intention to communicate the vision as widely as possible.

The vision will be first presented to pastors, principals, and presidents in mid-August. A public rollout of the vision will follow. This rollout will include a series of face-to-face presentations throughout the Archdiocese in which all are invited to attend.

At this point, we are unable to comment on the contents of the vision, as it is still being approved. However, at its core, the vision includes a call for high-quality authentically Catholic schools that are available and affordable for all who wish to attend.

Announcements regarding the public rollout will be made during the summer. Please continue to monitor the Archdiocesan website for updates about the vision.

### *Summer Prayer for Catholic Schools*

Heavenly Father,

Please watch over our Catholic schools

As we enter the season of summer.

Bless our students;

May their summer weeks be filled with relaxation and joy.

Bless our teachers and staff members;

May they fully realize how they have touched the lives of their students.

Bless our parents and guardians;

May they embrace their roles as primary educators of their children.

Bless our supporters;

May they always be filled with conviction for Catholic education.

Lord God, we thank you for the gift of Catholic schools.

Please grant us a summer of peace and safety

And may we always remember your many blessings.

*Amen*



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