



## **DIOCESE OF TOLEDO PRINCIPALS' BULLETIN JANUARY 22, 2010**

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### **FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT...**

As we approach Catholic Schools Week, you will see more than the usual CSW message from our Bishop in support of our Catholic schools. Bishop Blair has determined that he wants to address all the people of the diocese about the importance of and the challenges faced by our Catholic schools.

The Bishop and his Cabinet, of which I am a member, have discussed for some time the best way for him to deliver his message. In the end he decided that he needed to do something that had more impact than a letter in the Sunday Bulletins.

This past week, the Bishop taped a video message that he has asked Pastors to show at all week-end Masses. Parishes will have the option of showing it during the opening week-end of Catholic Schools Week (January 30/31) or during the closing week-end (February 6-7.) For those parishes that do not have video capability, an audio tape will be provided. He has also asked that the video be shown at all gatherings of school councils, pastoral councils, finance committee meetings, faculty meetings, etc.

The video is meant to be a "wake-up call" to the people of our diocese. He will remind them of the importance and the quality of our schools. In the video, he quotes from the statements made by the U.S. Bishops in 2005 which says that the support of our Catholic schools must come from all Catholics, not just parishes that have schools and from parents who pay tuition. As an example, he says that our one diocesan-wide K-12 scholarship program "One Faith...Many Blessings" must increase so that we can help more families afford Catholic school tuition. He also talks about the importance of sending our message to Columbus so that we are once again treated fairly in the state budget.

I believe that as important as the Bishop's words are, the fact that he wants his video on Catholic schools shown in every parish in this diocese sends a very strong message about his support of the mission of our Catholic schools!

Attached to this Bulletin is a copy of the letter that Bishop Blair sent to all the Pastors and Pastoral Leaders this week. Click on the following link for the letter:

<http://www.cyss.org/pdf/Jan2010LtrBishop.pdf>

(Note: The video will be also sent directly to the schools that are not parish schools.)

### **HIGH SCHOOL SPECIAL NEEDS WEBINAR:**

Attached is a flyer about a webinar on February 16, 2010 which will focus on serving students with special needs in Catholic high schools. This is the second part of a series on Access in Catholic Education sponsored by the National Catholic Partnership on Disability (NCPD). In October 2009, the NCPD sponsored a webinar about serving elementary school students with disabilities. Part II will focus on Catholic secondary school educators concerning this topic.

The webinar will be held from 3:00 until 4:00 p.m. Eastern time and will include 15 to 20 minutes for participants to e-mail questions to the presenters.

Click on the following link for a flyer that will describe how to register at the NCPD website and the cost of participating: <http://www.cyss.org/pdf/012210HSSpecialNeedsWebinar.pdf>

### **HIGH SCHOOLS – PUPIL ACTIVITY PERMITS:**

The following is a clarification, from License Office at ODE, regarding changes in the “Pupil Activity Permits.” Currently, the state requires that "before hiring any individual, whether licensed or unlicensed, to direct, supervise, or coach any program that involves athletics, routine or regular physical activity, or health and safety considerations, the hiring authority shall assure that the individual has obtained a Pupil Activity Permit issued by the State Board of Education (AC3301-27-01 [C]).” Note: Section (D) of the same rule makes clear that whether the program requires a permit (i.e., involves athletics, routine or regular physical activity, or health and safety considerations) is "determined by the school." So, not every extra-curricular activity's moderator needs a permit. If the school believes the activity/program doesn't meet the above definition, then no permit is needed.

If the activity/program does require a permit, the current law says that:

- the individual needs up-to-date first aid/CPR as indicated on the ODE's application
- The OHSAA's rules also requires that coaches must complete of the "Fundamentals of Coaching" course
- The permit is a 3-year renewable credential.
- Currently, the principal must sign the Pupil Activity Permit.

The only real change is that the Permits now must be signed by the diocesan superintendent.

### **POSITION OPENINGS:**

#### **PRINCIPAL:**

Our Lady of Lourdes and Little Flower Parishes in Toledo announce the collaborative creation of a yet-to-be-named Catholic elementary school (preschool through grade 8) opening in August 2010. The school will be housed at the current Little Flower campus in Toledo. Qualified candidates must be a practicing Catholic, be committed to the values and mission of the Catholic Church and School, possess a Master’s Degree in Education or Educational Leadership, hold a valid Ohio Principal’s License, and have at least three years experience as a Catholic elementary school principal. Submit resumes, salary expectation, and at least three references to Rev. James Brown at [fr.JimBrown@gmail.com](mailto:fr.JimBrown@gmail.com). Deadline for submission of resumes is January 27, 2010. For more information contact Rev. James Brown at 419-865-2545.

#### PRINCIPAL:

St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Lima, Ohio is seeking a dynamic, faith filled Catholic principal for a large, culturally-diverse elementary school (grades pre-K through 8, with approximately 500 students), for the 2010-2011 school year into the future. Teaching experience is required, but a Masters in Educational Administration is preferred. Applications are available on line at: [www.st-charles.org](http://www.st-charles.org) or call Fr. Steve Blum, pastor, at 419-228-7635. Application deadline is March 31, 2010.

#### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Central City Ministry of Toledo (CCMT) School seeks a dynamic and creative Executive Director to oversee its Pre K-8 Catholic school. CCMT School provides a faith-based education with high expectations, structure, and firm discipline to 450 students at two campuses in central Toledo, Ohio: Rosary Cathedral and Queen of Apostles.

Through the building principals, the Executive Director assures efficient and effective operation of the two school campuses. Most importantly, the Executive Director provides strong visionary leadership, sets the bar high for academic achievement, and challenges the status quo.

Requirements include:

- A practicing Catholic who is committed to the teachings and values of the Catholic Church and Catholic education
- Strong administrative and organizational leadership abilities, especially in the areas of strategic planning, financial management and fundraising
- Excellent communication skills, including public speaking
- Preferred: experience in Catholic education
- Preferred: urban or central city experience

Send your resume and references to: Rene Coutts, Human Resources Generalist, Diocese of Toledo, 1933 Spielbusch Ave., Toledo, Ohio 43604 or e-mail [rcoutts@toledodiocese.org](mailto:rcoutts@toledodiocese.org).

#### LOCAL SUPERINTENDENT:

The Fremont Catholic School System, which includes grades pre-K through 12, is seeking a Superintendent for our consolidated Catholic School system. Interested candidates should have experience in the Catholic Schools, either as a teacher or administrator. A practicing Catholic committed to the values and mission of the Catholic Church is required. This position will begin in March 2010 as a part-time position and will expand to full-time in July 2010. Interested candidates should submit their resumes to Fr. David Bruning, Fremont Catholic Schools, 709 Croghan Street, Fremont OH 43420. Resumes may be e-mailed to [drbruning2002@yahoo.com](mailto:drbruning2002@yahoo.com). Deadline for resumes is January 8, 2010.