



Office of Schools

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Dear Parents and Other Supporters of Catholic Education:

In October, Bishop Wenski of the Diocese of Orlando authorized a feasibility study to determine the level of interest for opening one or two new Catholic high schools in the Windermere and Lake Nona areas. The nationally-known Catholic school consulting firm, Meitler Consultants, assisted us with the survey process, listening sessions, and data analysis.

Bishop Wenski and I thank all those who participated in the listening sessions and responded to the hundreds of mailed surveys.

The interest feasibility study is completed, and the information gathered from the listening sessions and surveys has been extremely valuable. Meitler Consultants has made the following recommendations to Bishop Wenski and the leadership of the Office of Catholic Schools:

1. Open a new high school in the Windermere area in the near future to meet the present growth trends;
2. Open a second new high school in the Lake Nona area after the Windermere high school is open;
3. Consider opening new elementary schools in both the Windermere and Lake Nona areas.

We are encouraged by the results of this feasibility study. At Bishop Wenski's directive, the Office of Catholic Schools and the Strategic Planning Committee of the Diocesan Board of Education will continue the planning process by studying the educational, financial and construction aspects of these recommendations.

While we are all enthused by the prospects of these new schools, our planning will be sensitive to the current economic situation. We are continuing to move forward with the planning process, recognizing that adjustments in the timetable may be required.

We thank you for your interest in this information. We ask for your prayers as we move forward with our planning.

Sincerely yours,

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