



ANDREAN HIGH SCHOOL

CHRIST IS MY TEACHER

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Andrean Family-

Over the past eight years, Andrean High School has been ardently studying and exploring how to strengthen and ensure the strategic future of our school to maintain its position as a beacon of faith, learning, leadership, and service for the people of the Diocese of Gary and Northwest Indiana. One of the key drivers of the study was an assessment of the physical campus and needs for the future.

Several respected individuals have worked diligently to understand and assess the many factors, perspectives, trends, trade-offs, programming, donor capacity, and tactile needs of what would be required to influence the desired future for Andrean and our ability to live out our mission. After several years of silent campaigning and measuring anticipated benchmarks, a committee was formed this fall to offer a final recommendation on the future of our physical campus to myself and our Superintendent of Schools. The fruit of the committee's wisdom proposed that we invest in our current campus in a practical, phased manner that properly honors the traditions of our past and the needs of our future through potential renovation, new on-site construction, and/or redevelopment. Appreciative of their work and perspective, I accepted their recommendation and presented the findings to Bishop McClory earlier this month. He has since affirmed this and bestowed his full endorsement of the recommendation.

The Andrean Initiative reflects a big dream. With this more defined direction, there is excitement to move forward at our current campus to ensure students' continued success but in a campus setting they have long deserved. We stand at an important crossroads poised to influence a vibrant future for our diocese and the Northwest Indiana Region; Andrean is an essential component and valuable asset of that future. Toward this goal, we will continue to dedicate focused energy to strengthening our partnership with the Town of Merrillville, local universities, philanthropic organizations, and our devoted and loyal alumni base.

We envision a future where Andrean remains an honored asset and beacon to our region -- for this is what we have been, what we are, and what we believe our mission will continue to be into the next generation. Our energies, resources, and goals should reflect this awesome call and important responsibility. As a product of this institution, I have a deep appreciation for our history and our mission. Even more so, I have an abiding faith in Andrean's future success and know that her best days are still ahead.

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