

CLARIFICATION OF GOALS

2012 and beyond

**ST. MICHAEL, THE ARCHANGEL CHAPEL
AND OUR LADY'S SCHOOL**

I. THE PARISH

- A. The Church: This is the **only** SSPX church in Long Island or NYC, for the last 28 years. We have millions of Catholics surrounding us, many dissatisfied with their church and school. A solidly Catholic school is essential for any parish growth. Bishop Fellay said 10 years ago; "*Why do you not have a school here?!*" Now we have one, thanks to various dedicated families in the parish, under the patronage of Our Blessed Lady. Thanks be to God and all you who have contributed.

B. Real Estate for Growth (Land and Home)

Construction Progress – Permits, all granted except Health Dept.(coming soon)—Probable building activity by Spring. Professional Fundraiser was essential to get the needed cash flow. We saw the dreadful parking conditions last winter; maybe this will be our last winter to see such dangers, it is a miracle that no-one has been hurt in our parking lot. We have already had several close calls. It is a danger to children and parishioners because of the poor location of entrances and parking areas. Also it is extremely unsafe in wintry or wet conditions.

Land and home acquisition have boosted our whole presence here in central Long Island. Bishop Fellay specifically wanted these expansions; he had to authorize the expenses. Local Catholics are now asking about the parish and school.

II. OLGSAcademy

- A. Successful- well into third year. Professional reading evaluation showed 18% of our children are *off the charts* for reading, already reading at High School level, 90% have results of two grades **above average**, the rest advanced two grades in the last year.
- B. Almost 100% of vocations are now coming from our SSPX or like-minded traditional schools. Want a priest for your last rites, and Latin Masses and proper catechism for your grandchildren? Support the School here. Each child is saturated in traditional Catholic Faith and devotions, as well as advancing in all areas of academics. Some will be entering this year into National Latin Exams.

K-8 State Certified Full Approval of Local School District and New York State Education Department. Fees are down to \$2250 per year, or for more than one child, a maximum of \$4250 (plus \$250 for registration). Local Bishop announced he is shutting down Catholic schools. NY State now mandates X-Rated education with graphic pictures/discussion of every perversion. Protect your children, enroll NOW. http://www.nypost.com/p/news/local/parent_furor_at_bawdy_sex_ed_hdt Plus the many subtle anti-Catholic influences pervade all the schools, infecting even our children. If there isn't graphic sex education in your local public school yet, it will be coming soon because of NY State same-sex marriage law.

...in the mid-1960s, the nation's Catholic K-12 education system maintained more than 13,000 schools serving more than 5 million children — approximately 12% of all American students. Most of these schools were in America's cities, and particularly its older cities in the Northeast and Upper Midwest, such as Boston, Chicago, Detroit, and Pittsburgh. In these areas, Catholic schools represented a huge portion of the primary and secondary education system: For example, in 1960, approximately 360,000 students attended New York City's Catholic schools — 37% of the average daily public-school attendance. The swiftness of Catholic schools' rise in the first half of the 20th century makes more remarkable what followed: their even faster decline in the decades after. Hundreds of schools closed in the second half of the 1960s, and new starts failed to make up the difference.

Tragic changes made through the Second Vatican Council — such as allowing Masses to be said in vulgar languages other than Latin, and encouraging Catholics to build bridges to other faiths, even by watering down their worship and laws — modernized and demystified the Church in the eyes of many non-Catholics. As a result, in the 1960s and '70s, a growing number of parents and pastors no longer considered it imperative that Catholic children attend parish schools. With no more meat-free Fridays, dress standards, or Sunday Mass obligation, Catholics were becoming no different to the others. Are WE affected by these Novus Ordo trends?

- C. Our curriculum has been refined over the years to prepare the children for the very best High Schools in the country, namely the BVM La Sallette Academy for boys, and the Dominicans in Post Falls or upper NY (Massena) for the girls.
- D. Our teachers have come from such excellent schools, and are undergoing extensive professional development with the SSPX structures, such as the Language Arts seminar given last summer, cf. Regina Coeli Report.
- E. Fr. Beck, SSPX Superintendent for US District Schools, is pleased with the development at OLGSA.
- F. Perhaps someday we could have our own High School. Why not? We already have the land, with more available.

THIS SCHOOL IS TRULY A WORK OF THE CHURCH, UNDER DIRECT SUPERVISION OF THE SSPX, FOR THE GOOD OF US ALL. DO NOT THINK OF IT AS A PRIVATE UNDERTAKING FOR A CHOSEN FEW.

III. NEW HOUSE PURCHASE

Housing for teachers was a welcomed addition. Thank God for this new house purchase, adjacent to our church property. Possible residence for a future Convent – Must have housing before Nuns can be invited. We have several choices, SSPX Sisters or Oblates, Franciscans or Dominicans who may wish to come if we show signs of progress.

IV. FUNDRAISING

A) Previous 3 years – sadly ineffective for fundraising. Jogathon this year has raised only \$2088, 90% from one family. Some families are unable to pay fees. Please help these families.

B) Need for Professional Fundraiser – He provides contacts and recommendations through a variety of ways that *we are not capable of providing*.

C) Fundraiser is paid as a professional, yet he gets from us much less than he could get elsewhere— We are reviewing his contract with a sliding scale of fees, down to 3%, which fee includes the services he pays to the Licensed Financial Advisor, Mr. Richard Schmidt. This enables those who contribute, access to free financial planning to show how to use any part of your complex estate for contributions, with **numerous legal tax benefits**. This makes it a win/win situation for those who donate to the Faith in our Future Campaign for the church and school growth. Call Mr Artie Dromerhauser at 631 383 7411 email at artdromerhauser@optonline.net

The amount raised so far is only \$65,000 cash with another \$105,000 pledged, plus an endowment insurance policy of \$250,000. **That is much more than we had raised previously without a fundraiser. But so far less than twenty parishioners have contributed.**

WHAT WE NEED FOR CONTINUED SUPERNATURAL SUCCESS:

All doing something – not some folk doing all. We need:

- 1. UNITY in Faith in the CAUSE
- 2. ENTHUSIASM for the love of Our Lord
- 3. SPIRIT OF SACRIFICE in union with the MASS

**MAY GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS US WITH
 GENEROUS AND CHARITABLE SOULS
 WILLING TO HELP PRESERVE AND SPREAD
 OUR HOLY CATHOLIC FAITH.**
November 6, 2011

HOW DO WE APPLY IT TO OUR PARISH? Ask yourself: *What are my priorities?*

- 1. FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO THE BEST OF YOUR ABILITY

MORAL SUPPORT, - If you have heard or believe anything that is contrary to what you have heard from the pulpit, please see me for clarification. False information hurts our objectives and, if it is intentional, it will not be tolerated!

- 2. PHYSICAL SUPPORT – BEING PART OF THE SOLUTION BY VOLUNTEERING TIME AND TALENT TO THE BEST OF YOUR ABILITY.
- 3. Parish Novena to St. Michael starting today. Find the copies of the novena in your bulletin and in the community room.

Food for Thought - Choosing a School for Your Child

Fr. Gerard Beck *Superintendent of
Schools, S.S.P.X. United States District*

“We must remember, in choosing a school for our children, that the goal of education is character formation. Education is not about short-term *gratification* (e.g. being able to play sports, avoiding the sacrifice involved with a Catholic school, etc.). Nor is education merely about “getting a good job” one day. Character formation is the true purpose of education: our children must be given a Catholic worldview, a love of all that is true, good, and beautiful, with a corresponding hatred of all that is false, evil, and ignoble. They must leave school strong in faith, sure in judgment, responsible in the fulfillment of duty, great in heart. Only a truly Catholic education, beginning at home and carried on in the school, can make this possible. The choice of a school must be made with this in mind.”

Fr. Gerard Beck *Superintendent of
Schools, S.S.P.X. United States District*

“Children are entrusted to parents by God for one reason and one reason only: that they one day be given back to Him. And that’s not going to happen unless they are given a true Catholic education!”

Fr. Gerard Beck *Superintendent of
Schools, S.S.P.X. United States District*

“Choosing a school for one’s children is about priorities. No situation is perfect. But what school is most solid in the essentials? What school is going to be the greatest help in forming the mind, heart, and soul of my child? What school is going to best prepare him to battle for his eternal soul? That is the school that must be chosen, even if it is not perfect, and even if it requires great sacrifice send him there!”

“We must not fail our young people. We are heading for a time when they will absolutely need to be strong, to be generous, and to know why they are generous.”

His Excellency Bishop Bernard Fellay
S.S.P.X. Superior General January, 2008

And if it is necessary, yes, you yourselves will make the school for your children. If the schools should corrupt your children, what are you going to do? Deliver them to the corrupters? To those who teach these abominable sexual practices in the schools? To the so-called “Catholic” schools run by religious men and women where they simply teach sin? In reality that is what they are teaching to the children: they corrupt them from their tenderest youth. Are you to put up with that? It is inconceivable! **Rather that your children be poor —that they be removed from this apparent science that the world possesses —but that they be good children, Christian children, Catholic children, who love their holy religion,** who love to pray, and who love to work; children who love the earth which the Good God has made. Finally, a crusade as well for heads of families. You who are the head of your household, you have a grave responsibility in your countries. You do not have the right to let your country be invaded by Socialism and Communism! You do not have the right, or else you are no longer Catholic!

Archbishop Lefebvre Jubilee Sermon
Sept 23,1979