



ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE
OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

June 20, 2011

Dear Representatives of St. Dominic Parish:

Thank you for your letter of May 23, 2011, expressing your concerns regarding the decision to merge St. Dominic School with Holy Family School, effective for the 2012 – 2013 school year.

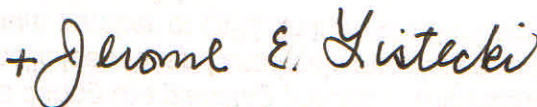
The current emphasis for Catholic education throughout the Archdiocese of Milwaukee is on regionalization and consolidation, in order to provide accessible and affordable Catholic schools for the long-term as well as for the present. Although individual schools may be in a position that permits ongoing survival for the immediate future, my vision is that parishes and schools be as proactive as possible in reconfiguring their structures to ensure long-viability. I commend the efforts to establish one high quality Catholic school in North Sheboygan that will serve the parishioners of Holy Name, St. Clement, and St. Dominic Parish, and I support this merger.

Our Superintendent of Catholic Schools, Dr. Kathleen Cepelka, will continue to work closely with the pastors of Holy Name and St. Dominic Parishes, as well as with the established Planning Committee, to ensure that input is received from as many individuals and representative groups as possible during the planning process. The intent is to establish a school that is strong in both Catholic identity and academic excellence, one that will provide Catholic education for the maximum number of children in North Sheboygan and beyond.

It is my sincere hope that there will be many opportunities during the next year's planning process for fruitful, respectful dialogue among all those directly involved in this effort and among the general membership of all three parishes. Change is never easy, and transitions like this one can be especially challenging. Each school has had a long and successful history of community building and educational excellence. I would urge everyone involved in this merger to view the process as an opportunity to truly "come together" for the faith formation of our children through quality Catholic schooling and for the growth of the Church in North Sheboygan.

I am deeply grateful for the commitment to Catholic education expressed in your letter, and I wish you all the blessings of this season of Pentecost.

Sincerely yours in Christ



Most Reverend Jerome E. Listecki
Archbishop of Milwaukee