



Auxiliary Bishop
Archdiocese of Philadelphia

October 22, 2012

Dear Lansdale Catholic Parents and Guardians,

I write to update you regarding the property in Hilltown, Bucks County, which was purchased by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia in October 2001 along with two smaller adjacent land parcels in March and June of 2008. It was intended as the site for a new Lansdale Catholic Regional High School.

After careful consideration, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and the Office of Catholic Education have decided that this building project is not the most prudent use of resources. As the land will not be utilized it is likely that this property will be marketed for sale.

The financial challenges facing the Archdiocese have been clearly communicated in recent months. As part of an effort to improve our financial situation several real estate holdings have recently been sold or marketed for sale including the Archbishop's residence, Villa Saint Joseph by the Sea, The Holy Family Center and the northern portion of the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center Parking Lot as well as The Mary Immaculate Center.

The Lansdale Catholic High School community has benefited from excellent leadership and under the guidance of the administration several improvements have been made to enhance the existing facility specifically: upgraded technology infrastructure to provide wireless access throughout the school building; a renovated Resource Center for iPad, iPhone and Netbook usage; a refurbished floor and a new bleacher system in the gymnasium; sound and stage lighting upgrades in the auditorium; new student lockers on two floors of the original building; refurbished weight and athletic locker rooms; a repaved main parking lot and a new LED outdoor sign. These enhancements were funded by the Lansdale Catholic High School alumni, parents, benefactors and the Office of Catholic Education.

Although a new high school will not be built, we are confident that Lansdale Catholic is well poised to continue providing a high quality Catholic education far into the future at its current location.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael J. Fitzgerald".

Most Reverend Michael J. Fitzgerald
Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia