

April 18, 2003

Dear Parishioners:

As we approach the end of the 2002-2003 school year, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and commitment to our schools. The purpose of the St. Xavier School Council is to support the parish mission of being a Catholic community, called by God, to share in the mission of Jesus. We can share in this mission by offering a Christian education to the youth of our parish and the community. Our goal is to educate the whole child, mind, body and spirit, in Christian values, in accordance with our Catholic faith, a *tradition of excellence*.

We would like to bid a fond farewell to our current school administrators. Mr. John Rodriguez is retiring after six years of service at St. Xavier. The Rodriguez's will be returning to Hutchinson where they have a home. Mr. Mike Schrant will be leaving St. Xavier to take a new position in Sylvan Grove as the principal for grades 7-12. We wish Mr. Rodriguez and Mr. Schrant all the best in their future endeavors. We appreciate all that they have brought to St. Xavier.

We are very excited to announce the new administrator for St. Xavier School --- Mr. Bob Diepenbrock. Mr. Diepenbrock has been the co-principal and dean of students at Kapaun Mount Carmel High School in the Wichita diocese for the past three years. He has also served as athletic director in that position. Prior to his time at Kapaun, Mr. Diepenbrock had a two-year administrator internship at Bishop Carroll High School in Wichita. In addition, he has over 15 years experience in teaching secondary science classes. He received his Bachelor's degree from Newman University and Master's degrees from Wichita State University.

Other departing staff members include Ligia Paquette who will be leaving St. Xavier to concentrate on her new position on Governor Sebelius's Education Policy Team. She stepped out of semi-retirement three years ago to serve as our counselor and Spanish teacher. Adel Schrant will be leaving after teaching secondary math to join her husband Mike in his new position at Sylvan Grove. Mrs. Schrant will be teaching secondary math at Sylvan Grove. Nancy Poulter, fourth grade teacher at St. Xavier for the past three years will be leaving to be a stay-at-home mother to her daughter who was born this past fall. We sincerely appreciate the dedication and years of service these individuals have given to St. Xavier.

Due to these departures, St. Xavier is currently accepting applications for an elementary school teacher (4th grade), a secondary math teacher and a Spanish teacher. In addition, we are accepting applications for the school cafeteria to include a manager, cook and servers. If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact the rectory at 238-2998.

We anticipate a bright future for our schools. As the end of the school year approaches, we ask you to look more closely at what our schools have to offer. We believe St. Xavier has much to offer you and your family and hope that you will consider enrolling with us for the 2003-2004 school year.

Our heartfelt appreciation is extended to all parents, friends, parishioners and community members who help to support our mission. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact one of the council members or the school principal. A dialogue between the parishioners and the council is absolutely essential if we are to continue making substantial progress toward building a stronger Parish/School community.

Sincerely,

St. Xavier School Council

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