

Christ the Servant Parish

I am very happy to announce that the Sisters of the Congregation the Divine Spirit will begin staffing Our Lady of Peace School for the 2015-16 academic year. At the present time the commitment is three Sisters, with the intention of continuing expansion in the following year(s).

The ministry of education is integral to the mission of the congregation and allows Christ the Servant to further the mission of education here at Our Lady of Peace School for our young people.

Pope Francis, speaking on the value of Catholic education says, " Schools can and should function as a catalyst, being a place of encounter and convergence of the entire educational community with the single objective of shaping and helping the students to grow as mature, simple, honest, and competent persons who know how to love faithfully, who know how to live their lives as a response to God's call..."

Again he says, "Jesus began to proclaim the good news to the 'Galilee of the people', a crossroads of people, diverse, in terms of race, culture, and religion. This context resembles today's world..."

In the words of Mother Patricia O'Connor, the congregation's founder, "At a time of life when young people follow a person rather than an idea, it's particularly important that they be led to a personal contact with Christ."

In so many ways Christ the Servant Parish represents the 'Galilee of the people' today, meeting Christ at the crossroads of the contemporary city. From the time I began school at Our Lady of Peace (a few years ago) until today, our community of Christ the Servant, representing the heritage of St. Paul's in Canton and Our Lady of Peace, has continued to welcome the diversity of God's beloved sons and daughters through its educational mission here at Our Lady of Peace School.

The Sisters' ministry of education to the young and their ministry to the elderly embraces the entire family of God's people, resonating once again with the words of our Holy Father Francis, " We need to give hope to young people, help the aged and open ourselves toward the future..."

We look forward to continuing to build and strengthen a faith - based learning community grounded in our Catholic tradition and identity, responding to the educational rigor demanded for 21st Century education and success, and growing a future generation committed to service for others.

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