

NEW CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL PLANNING MOVES FORWARD

THE CATHEDRAL OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

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As summer progresses, so does the new Catholic high school study for Cathedral of Our Lady of Walsingham. A School Study Committee is in place to move the process forward and provide leadership and expertise throughout the study.

The New School Study Committee consists of Cathedral of Our Lady of Walsingham leadership and parishioners. Their role is to assist in evaluating the potential for a new Catholic high school; review research and reports provided by the consultant; and provide insight, experience and vision throughout the study process.

Members of the Study Committee include:

Most Reverend Steven Lopes, Bishop, Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of Saint Peter
Very Rev. Timothy Perkins, Vicar General, Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of Saint Peter
Very Rev. Charles Hough IV, Rector and Pastor, Cathedral of Our Lady of Walsingham
Sr. Thomas Aquinas, OP, Director of Education, Cathedral of Our Lady of Walsingham
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Mrs. Chalon Murray, Associate Director of Music, Cathedral of Our Lady of Walsingham
Sr. Amata Veritas, OP, Development Services, Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of Saint Peter
Mrs. Catalina Brand, Holy House Academy Director, Cathedral of Our Lady of Walsingham
Mrs. Debra Haney, Superintendent, Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston
Three parishioners of the Cathedral of Our Lady of Walsingham

Based on demographic research conducted in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston since the last census, the level of population growth is both evident and strong. This will be taken into consideration as we look to the new school here at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Walsingham. The goal in using the data from a previous study is to provide a foundation for determining the strength of the student-pool in areas from which the proposed school could draw enrollment and ensure potential sustainability for the future.

Additionally, our consultant from the Meitler group is conducting meetings and interviews with a number of individuals to enhance relationships, garner anecdotal information, and build interest and excitement in this great initiative. Meetings include the Superintendent of Catholic Schools from the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, local Catholic elementary school principals, and Catholic home school associations and related groups to learn more about the local community and invite them to participate in this study.

Combined with a market research survey to be initiated in October of this year, the data findings and results will demonstrate if this unique high school program is feasible. This determination leads to next steps which include developing a plan for the proposed school, estimating costs, creating a funding model, establishing a timeline for next steps in planning and, ultimately, moving toward a campaign to open the school.