

2012-2013 School Information

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A group of the people who had tried to keep St. Ann School from closing at the end of the current school year have been meeting weekly as a School Exploratory Group. "If at all possible, we want to keep the 149 year legacy of St. Ann School going well into the future" says co-organizer Jerome O'Connor. "The local YMCA has been kind enough to share the community meeting room with us so we can discuss options going forward. We have been focusing on the budget and are very confident that we can develop a scenario that will work."

While various options have been considered, the group has determined that the most feasible plan will be to open a totally new school that is self-governing and financially independent of the church. Otherwise, it will be modeled after St. Ann School.

Father Peter Anglaere is Pastor of Our Lady of the Valley Parish in Hornell, which has run Saint Ann School for the past 149 years. He is supportive of the group's efforts, even though the existing building will not be available to house a school in the coming year. While the Parish finances prevent it from helping financially, Fr. Peter said that he will be involved with the spiritual development of the kids and will visit the school, wherever in Hornell it is located. The parish will not be contributing money toward a new school, but Fr. Peter said that he is supportive of the group's effort to provide a Catholic education to area children.

The group plans has been investigating possible school locations and is very close to signing a lease on a local building. They are in the process of incorporating as a not-for-profit entity that will be eligible to receive tax-deductible contributions, and will be able to run fun fund-raisers to help the school. The new school has its Federal ID# and will be incorporated as St. Ann's Academy. To insure a sound financial foundation, parents will be expected to pay tuition as they have in the past.

Resumes for primary and elementary school teachers are currently being accepted. Interested individuals should send their resumes to *school.exploratory.group@gmail.com*.

Student registration applications for the coming school year are now available. Please return the completed form to:

St. Ann's Academy

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Hornell, NY 14843

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If you would like to talk about the plans for a new school, you can contact Randy Regan at the above number or write to the e-mail address and ask for someone to give you a call.