

## Cluster 28 Transition Committee

I was over at St. Brigid School today for a couple of hours and was reminded once again of how important the school is to the life of our Cluster. Not only is it a place where many of our children can receive a good education that is faith-based, the school is a magnet and invitation for families to rejoin or participate more deeply in the life of our parishes. The school right now has a strong enrollment and is financially stable, but we still have plenty of work to do keeping it growing and flourishing.

For one thing, the school is bursting at the seams in terms of space. Looking towards the coming year, we find we will need an additional classroom to accommodate the growing enrollment in the upper grades. Already this year, the hard-working teachers have been squeezed out of a more commodious room that served as a teachers' room into a much smaller space. Conceivably, part of the Friary building would serve to provide office and teacher space, alleviating some of this pressure. Of course I say this with the sadness of knowing our Capuchin brothers will no longer be in residence there after the end of next summer – that day is too rapidly approaching. We also hope that the cluster office will be able to bring some small relief to the over-taxed school administration by taking over some business aspects of managing the school.

Let me end by reminding you of ***the Cluster-wide town hall meeting next Sunday, January 24 at 2pm at St. Pius X*** to discuss together the challenge of adjusting the Mass schedule for the coming year. I hope many of you will join us for that important conversation. Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

- Fr. Jim Lafontaine