



## Catholic Schools future examined in Plain Dealer story

On Monday, May 24, 2004, the Plain Dealer newspaper ran a front page story featuring the headline "Catholic Schools' New Model" in which the paper examined the closing of several schools this year, while focusing on the independent start-ups such as St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School in Hudson.

Although supplied with the information, the newspaper omitted statistics which reflect a decided growth in the demand for Catholic Education in a variety of areas from the inner city to growth communities outside of Cuyahoga County. Several high schools also witnessed decided growth.

Detailed information given to the reporter included current regional population trends. The enrollment **decrease** in Catholic schools was directly proportionate to the **decrease** in public school enrollment which was directly proportionate to the **loss** of student-age population in the particular Northeast Ohio communities cited. This was never included.

Information supplied by the Education Department of the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland indicates that 41 schools reported enrollment increases in 2003 compared to the prior year.

<u>School</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>
Academy of St. Bartholomew	Berea	448	467
St. Mary	Berea	368	375
Corpus Christi	Cleveland	132	141
Holy Name	Cleveland	200	235
Immaculate Conception	Cleveland	161	193
Our Lady of Mt.Carmel (W)	Cleveland	253	257
Our Lady of Peace	Cleveland	211	241
St. Francis of Assisi	Cleveland	247	260
St. Ignatius (Elementary)	Cleveland	390	394
St. Jerome	Cleveland	225	228
St. John Nepomucene	Cleveland	175	200
St. Joseph Collinwood	Cleveland	191	211
St. Mary Collinwood	Cleveland	205	209
St. Mel	Cleveland	372	377
St. Stanislaus	Cleveland	298	330
St. Francis of Assisi	Mayfield	380	392
St. Albert the Great	N. Royalton	854	859
St. Christopher	Rocky River	532	533
St. Mary	Chardon	337	350
Peaceful Children	Kirtland	68	70
St. Gabriel	Mentor	710	725
Holy Trinity	Avon	310	340
St. Mary of the Imm.Concp.	Avon	169	171
St. Joseph	Avon Lake	369	390
St. Anthony of Padua	Lorain	181	197
Sacred Heart	Wadsworth	284	313
North Akron Catholic	Akron	96	156
St. Vincent	Akron	225	237

St. Hilary	Copley	702	715
St. Joseph	Cuyahoga Falls	412	446
Seton Catholic	Hudson	207	217
St. Barnabas	Nordonia Hills	710	717
SS. Cosmas and Damian	Twinsburg	146	161
St. Mary of the Imm.Conc.	Wooster	168	175

**High Schools**

St. Peter Chanel	Bedford	352	370
Benedictine	Cleveland	391	444
St. Joseph Academy	Cleveland	565	609
St. Edward	Lakewood	880	895
Regina	S. Euclid-Lynd.	266	279
Archbishop Hoban	Akron	775	822
St. Vincent/St. Mary	Akron	592	639