

St. Alexis - St. Alphonsus Schools

Wexford, Pennsylvania 15090

April 5, 2017

Dear Friends in Christ,

With faith in God's grace, we are moving ahead quickly to regionalize our Catholic elementary schools in the North Hills. Now comes a very exciting phase - naming our newly formed school!

What do you think the name of our new school should be? We are looking for suggestions from EVERYONE in our school and parish. The guidelines are simple:

The name must be distinctly Catholic (i.e. name of a saint, title of Jesus or Mary, Catholic belief or cardinal virtue, or name of a Catholic leader).

The new school name cannot be the same as a school or parish name currently in use in the Diocese of Pittsburgh.

As we work on suggestions for the name of our school, our counterparts in the North Hills will be doing the same at St. Mary/St. Ursula/St. Bonaventure as well as at St. Teresa/St. Sebastian.

To suggest a name, we are asking for two things:

- 1) Your suggested name for the school
- 2) The reason for the name

As pastors of these two fine parishes and schools, we have arrived at one possible suggestion:

- 1) Blessed Francis X. Seelos School.
- 2) Blessed Seelos served the Wexford community in the 1840s. Born in Bavaria, he was known for his power to heal body and spirit. On his way to sainthood, he was proclaimed blessed by Pope John Paul II in 2000.

What do you think about this suggestion? Have any others? After you prayerfully consider a name for the school, please email it and your explanation of why you chose that name to stalswexford@gmail.com. You may also mail it or drop it off at the St. Alexis parish or school office or the St. Alphonsus parish or school office.

The deadline to submit a name is Friday, April 21. The Board of Directors of the North Hills Regional Catholic Elementary Schools will review the names and send a recommendation to Bishop Zubik. He will make the final decision on the names of the three newly formed North Hills schools.

Just as there is a newness to life in The Resurrection, there also is a newness in our Catholic elementary schools as we work in joyful hope to regionalize them. Please keep everyone involved in this process - especially our school children - in your prayers.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Kevin C. Fazio & Fr. Paul J. Zywan, Pastors
St. Alphonsus Parish & St. Alexis Parish