

For over 150 years, Catholic schools in Muskegon and the surrounding areas have been providing excellence in Catholic faith formation and academics to Catholic school students. From the outset here in Muskegon, strong Catholic schools were formed through partnerships linking family, parish and school. This incredible partnership was the foundational element in creating learning environments for students that successfully prepared them not only for their important next steps in life, but also the stepping stones that would lead them along a path eventually to their heavenly reward.

As the “new guy” at MCC, I have purposefully and intently spent time meeting, greeting, searching and learning. I am pleased to inform you that I have found that Muskegon Catholic Central works with great diligence and integrity to continue and nurture these special and important partnerships. Certainly, we are committed to building upon this legacy and tradition of excellence for its students today and for years to come. Our promise and pledge is that we will work with enthusiasm and tenacity to maintain and sustain the partnership between family, parish and school.

To me, it is through this partnership that we are Church. As Church, the partnership propels the faculty and staff at Muskegon Catholic Central to boldly step forward each day in its task of owning and modeling the MCC Mission for its students. Stated simply, the MCC mission promises that we will educate each student in spirit, mind and body by fostering personal excellence within the Catholic tradition. We understand and celebrate that we cannot do this without our parents and sponsoring parishes.

During the month of November, we conducted a series of Listening sessions with small groups of MCC parents and friends in an effort to cultivate conversation and sharing – again I was meeting, greeting, searching and learning. During each session, I asked the participants to share their MCC experience in a one word value descriptor. Over and over I heard the words like – Respect, Engaged, Catholic, Compassion, Transformed, Connected, Responsible, Accountable, Integrity, Knowledge, Achievement, Purpose, Success, Faith, Disciplined, Selfless, Prepared, Family, Other-Centered, Appreciative. The stories detailing why the word was chosen were insightful and amazing to here.

-Ken Rasp
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