

# Catch-Up with the Council

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## 8 NEUMANN SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia is extremely grateful to the Connelly Foundation for its endless support of our Catholic schools. The Chester County Advisory Council for Elementary Education is proud to announce that eight of our students have been awarded the prestigious Connelly Foundation Neumann Scholarship. The Neumann Scholarship is a four-year award to an Archdiocesan high school of the student's choice. This scholarship program recognizes academically talented eighth grade students in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia elementary schools through an independent, competitive examination. Congratulations to these students, their schools, and their families for this great honor. We wish them much success throughout their high school careers.

**Salvatore DeBellis and Hannah Nguyen**, *Saint Agnes*

**Jimmy Sleiman**, *Saints Peter and Paul*

**Charlotte Klinger, Teagan Welsh & Raymond Daley**, *Saint Patrick*

**Sophia DiGiovanni and George Schaffer**, *Pope John Paul II Regional*



## Boards of Limited Jurisdiction

- ◆ Work in partnership with school leadership, supporting the pastor and the principal;
- ◆ Actively support the school's mission, leadership, goals, and policies;
- ◆ Members of the Board have the skills necessary to address the school's greatest needs.
- ◆ Focus on philanthropy; setting goals for fund raising and enrollment;
- ◆ Create a school budget and strategic plan;
- ◆ Have a strong committee structure - once an issue is determined, work is completed in committee and then brought to the whole Board for approval;

- ◆ Confidentiality is an important aspect of the Board.
- ◆ While the school is the Board's top priority, school management, staffing, and curriculum are not part of the Board's purview.

*Have ideas for our next newsletter?*

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*The Council's mission is the promotion of Catholic Education in Chester County by recommending policies, procedures, and plans to foster a close collaboration between parishes and schools.*

## Council Member Spotlight

*Get to know your Council members . . .*



**Mrs. Margaret Egan** is the Chair of the Chester County Advisory Council. Peg served as Principal of Saints Peter and Paul School in West Chester from 2002 until her retirement in 2020. Peg's entire professional career has been in Catholic education.

Mrs. Egan earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education from Gwynedd Mercy University and her Masters Degree in Educational Leadership and Administration from Immaculata University. Peg is a Pennsylvania certified principal, K through 12.

Peg currently serves on the Executive Board for Elementary Catholic Education for the Philadelphia Archdiocese and is a member of the Strategic Planning Committee. Peg has been recognized as a Distinguished Catholic Educator and Distinguished Principal. She is the recipient of the 2018 Terrel H. Bell Award for Outstanding Leadership from the Department of Education and the 2019 Distinguished Alumni Award from Gwynedd Mercy University.



**Sister M. Carroll Isselmann, IHM**, is currently the Vice-Chair of the Chester County Advisory Council having served as its Founding Chair. Sister is now the Director of Strategic Initiatives at Immaculata University. She has held this position since 2009 specializing in academic program development, grant writing and other fundraising initiatives. Sister serves as co-chair of the Executive Board for Elementary Catholic Education for the Philadelphia Archdiocese and as a member of the Faith in the Future Board of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

Sister Carroll Isselmann's academic education includes a Bachelor of Science degree from Immaculata University, a Masters from Drexel University in Nutrition and Human Behavior, a Doctor of Education from Rutgers, and she attended Harvard University's Graduate School of Education MLE Summer Institute for Higher Education Leadership. Sister Carroll is a member of numerous boards and professional organizations.

Sister's experience as an educator includes teaching and administration in elementary, secondary, and higher education environments.



### First Annual Golf Outing

Tuesday, May 17, 2022

The Union League, Liberty Hill Golf Club

800 Ridge Pike, Lafayette Hill, PA

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### JOIN THE EITC PROGRAM TODAY!

Learn how to redirect your tax dollars to benefit students throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and receive a 90% Tax Credit!

#### Informational Webinars:

Tuesday, May 10 at 7:00 PM

Thursday, May 19 at 11:00 AM

Tuesday, May 31 at 7:00 PM

Wednesday, June 8 at 4:00 PM

Monday, June 20 at 3:00 PM

Thursday, June 30 at 12:00 PM

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TO SIGN UP!

*The Council works to support the quality, vibrancy and sustainability of our Catholic schools throughout Chester County.*