

Racine Catholic Schools

collaboration

Dear School Families,

As some of you may know or read in the paper, on Wednesday, Archbishop ListECKI visited Racine. He was in the community to formally announce the creation of a Racine area Catholic School System that unites five elementary schools and St. Catherine's High School and Middle School. The new system is named Siena Catholic Schools of Racine, in honor of St. Catherine of Siena, who was named a Doctor of the Church in 1970 and is regarded for her spirituality and ability to bring popes, bishops, kings and diverse groups together.

Under our new Catholic school system for the Racine area, which we are working to have in place for the 2018-2019 school years, each current school – K-8 schools and St. Catherine's middle and high school, will retain its own name and campus but be referenced as a member of the Siena Catholic Schools of Racine.

For example, we would be St. Catherine's, a Siena Catholic School.

In making this announcement, the Archbishop thanked the Racine Dominican Sisters for their service of more than 150 years, as well as parishioners, pastors and school staff for their support of Catholic education in Racine. He had special thanks for parents like you, who have entrusted the education of your children to our schools.

He also shared we will need to promote the system, have patience as it forms and he requested prayers for success.

Finally, he acknowledged that all will be called on to sacrifice. As all area parishes will begin to financially support the system beginning in July, everyone will be asked to give something for the greater good.

In the weeks and months ahead there will be additional communications and opportunities to learn more about the system's mission, vision and initial plans. In the meantime, you can also find additional information at www.racinecatholicschools.org.

Thank you for your support and prayers for success of Siena Catholic Schools of Racine as we move down this exciting and opportunity-filled path.

Blessings,

Betty Hunt

Principal