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Diocese of Springfield

Committee for the Continuing Education, Formation and Support of Clergy

Clergy Day
Bishop Marshall Center
Tuesday, June 11, 2019, 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

**A special Clergy Day on the recently released *Pathways To Faith Report*
on the revitalization of Catholic schools in the diocese**

Speaker: Dr. Daniel Baillargeon, Diocesan Superintendent of Schools

The primary purpose of the meeting was to give Dr. Daniel Baillargeon an opportunity to review with the clergy the recommendations set forth in the report, underscore the importance of Catholic schools in the evangelizing mission of the Church and listen deeply to the experiences, concerns and wisdom of the attendees.

Background

On May 20, 2019, The Pathways Commission provided recommendations, steeped in best practices, to Bishop Rozanski, the principals and pastors of our Catholic schools, and a number of priests of the Diocese of Springfield to revitalize the Catholic schools of our Diocese. We believe these recommendations will ensure the availability of a Catholic education to the families of the Diocese of Springfield well into the future. As a people of faith, we believe in God's help and assistance in solving many challenges and hope that, by focusing on five distinct areas, we can start to solve some of these challenges, and reorient our schools toward a path of vitality.

The five areas that define our vision moving forward are as follows:

- Catholic schools must participate in the **evangelizing mission** of the Church.
- Catholic schools must be **excellent** academically, and **in all aspects** of school life.
- Catholic schools must be **accessible to everyone** who desires a Catholic education.
- Catholic schools must be **good stewards** of their resources and **financially sustainable**.
- Catholic schools must be **governed** in a manner that **engages** and **empowers people** and places accountability at the right level.

By placing emphasis in these five areas, it is the belief of the Pathways to Faith Commission that a sustainable Catholic education in the Diocese of Springfield will bring more vitality to the Catholic churches of our Diocese. This will, in turn, provide increased access to a truly transformative education for more and more students and families who will benefit from our Catholic schools.

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