



Top Five Reason's for Jordan Catholic Schools *Shaping the Future* Capital Campaign

1. **Who is being approached to support the campaign?**

We are asking everyone including current parents, past parents, parishioners, alumni, faculty & staff, local business, charitable foundations to participate in this effort. The practice of giving is part of our human nature and this campaign will serve as an opportunity for us to nurture that inherent need. Jordan Catholic School is strong and vibrant today because of the support and generosity of those who preceded us. It is now our turn to practice this spirit of giving so that Jordan Catholic School may continue to flourish.

2. **Why are we doing this now?**

Jordan Catholic School's needs are real and urgent. We have received direction from the Dioceses of Peoria to move forward with developing a unified, Catholic educational environment. This campaign will be an opportunity to invest in the future of quality Catholic education for our children and community. The *Shaping the Future* campaign will raise funds for improvements to the school that will allow our entire Jordan student body to grow and learn together on one campus. Enriching the overall physical environment with classrooms and additional learning space will create an improved atmosphere through which all our students can grow in their education and their faith.

3. **Why are we building a new addition?**

Jordan Catholic School must have all of its students, preschool through eighth grade, on one campus. Research has proven that the K-8th campus structure is the most beneficial learning atmosphere for children. The new, unified facility will allow for improved teaching collaboration, shared resources and provide students opportunities to learn from one another through mentoring opportunities. It will also ease the burden on parents who have children in multiple grades and would otherwise have to travel to different locations every day for school, activities and events.

4. **Is space available at Alleman High School for the Junior High students?**

While it is true that Alleman has fewer students now than they did in the 1960s, it is also true that teaching standards and parent expectations have changed dramatically in that time. In 1967 Alleman averaged 44 students per classroom. Today, effective teaching standards demand between 15 and 25 students per classroom. Alleman High School is using every inch of their facility to educate their students successfully and efficiently by today's standards. Their school now boasts computer labs, an expanded library, space for ACT prep courses, a college and career resource center, yearbook and newspaper rooms as well as audio-visual rooms and fitness center. Making room for Jordan Catholic students at Alleman High School would not be a good fit for Jordan students or Alleman students.

5. **Can we continue to use the space at Saint Ambrose or Sacred Heart Parishes?**

One of the primary goals for Jordan's *Shaping the Future* capital campaign is to create a campus in Rock Island where all of Jordan's students can learn and grow together, as well as enhance the school's ability to schedule events, ease the burden on parents who might otherwise have to drive to two separate locations and enrich the curriculum available to all our students. Placing some of our students at Sacred Heart or in Milan at Saint Ambrose does not accomplish this goal.

Research has proven that the K-8 campus structure is the most beneficial learning atmosphere for our children. We have plans to build a new science laboratory, computer lab, fine arts room and expand the library as part of this capital campaign. These improvements will allow for improved teaching collaboration, shared resources and better learning opportunities both now and in the future.