



Manistee Catholic Central Schools Foundation

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Dear Saber Families and Supporters,

Yesterday was the deadline established by the Diocese of Gaylord to achieve the \$2 million fundraising goal for the 24-25 school year. We did not reach this amount. Our original goal of \$1 million we have committed; however, donors were reluctant to post the dollar amount until a vision of the school for next year was established. The increase to \$2 million has several line entries that are not necessarily the responsibility of our school. They are Divine Mercy Parish obligations.

Going forward we expect the Diocese will announce today to maintain the original plan to close MCC in '24-25. The position of the Foundation is we do not promote the Kingdom of God by tearing parts of it apart. With that in mind, the board will meet this evening to plan a course of action to maintain Catholic education as is, with a hope in our Lord to guide us for further development of this institution.

Tomorrow our executive committee will meet with a canon lawyer for advice on filing our appeal to Rome and to ask for an investigation of the current situation in Manistee. This is not an automatic approval to open, but a request for review of financial issues that the diocese claims has led to closing the current Manistee Catholic Central.

As we take this action, we ask for prayers to receive the review approval. We also know that this time of our school history is a time to trust our Lord and grow deeper in our prayer life. We pray all our families and staff come back to the Church established by Jesus on the first Holy Thursday. Our prayers are also for Mary Lou Racine and that she rests in peace. She loved our school and all of you. Pray too for her brother Fr Rich that our Lord ease his pain during this loss.

United in Christ,

Dale Kowalkowski

President

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