



OUTLOOK

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Ownership: Russell Del Vecchio

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those of you who have offered me your prayers and support upon the passing of my wife. She was a person of rare courage and character, the type of person who never gave up and who was committed to the cause of Catholic education. I know Bishop Canevin High School, where she worked from 1977 until her passing, had a deep place in her heart. Kathy was laid to rest on December 1st and I returned to work on December 4th. I did this to honor her commitment to Catholic Education and to honor my commitment to you as your President. The rumors of my departure from this office are untrue. There is much work to be done in securing the future growth and prosperity of Catholic Education and I will stay until the job is done.

The first high school negotiation meeting was held on November 17th. We presented our proposals to the Diocesan Team at that time and they will respond at our next meeting on December 15th. The proposals were formulated by our team after reviewing the surveys submitted by the members. We are looking to improve salary and benefits and to implement needed language changes. We expect the talks to be difficult but fruitful. Check for periodic updates on our web site at www.fpdt.net.

After the start of 2007, Elementary and St. Anthony teachers will be sent surveys regarding their wage re-opener scheduled for later in 2007. These talks will be held after the conclusion of the High School talks.

FPDT Executive Board Dates:

January 18, Thursday

March 15, Thursday

May 14, Monday

Building Rep Dates:

April 18, Wednesday

All meetings start at 4:15



WE ARE THE FPDT:

- Ave Maria School
- Bishop McDowell
- Blessed Sacrament School
- Brookline Regional
- Butler Catholic
- Bishop Canevin
- Central Catholic
- Christ The Divine Teacher Academy
- Elizabeth Seton
- Holy Trinity
- Immaculate Conception
- J.F. Kennedy School
- North Catholic
- Oakland Catholic
- Our Lady of Fatima
- Our Lady of Grace School
- Quiqley Catholic
- Serra Catholic
- Seton-La Salle
- SS. Simon And Jude School
- St. Agnes School
- St. Alexis School
- St. Alphonsus School
- St. Anthony School
- St. Athanasius School
- St. Bartholomew School
- St. Bernadette School
- St. Bernard School
- St. Bonaventure School
- St. Gabriel School
- St. John Neumann
- St. John of God School
- St. John The Baptist, Monaca
- St. John The Baptist, Unity
- St. Joseph School
- St. Louise De Marillac School
- St. Malachy School
- St. Mary School
- St. Maurice School
- St. Patrick School
- St. Sebastian School
- St. Sylvester School
- St. Teresa School
- St. Therese School
- St. Titus School
- St. Valentine School
- St. Vitus School

In Memoriam

Kathleen Del Vecchio, wife of our union president, died peacefully at home on November 27, 2006 after a long, debilitating illness. Kathy was the current chairperson of the Guidance Department at Bishop Canevin High School. Throughout her many years as a faculty member, she served in both the English and Guidance departments. Her husband, Russ, is also a teacher at Bishop Canevin serving in the Science Department. Everyone who knew Kathy will feel a great loss.

Besides her husband, Russ, Kathy is survived by a brother, Stephen Kulback, and by a sister, Mary Beth Heintz who is a teacher at Seton-La Salle High School. The members of the Federation offer our thoughts and prayers to Russ and to her family during this difficult time.

Those of us who work closely with Russ have been aware of the devoted husband and caregiver he has been throughout these past years. We also will miss Kathy and we offer our love and support to Russ as he deals with his loss.



*And behold,
the star that they had seen
at its rising preceded them,
until it came and stopped
over the place where the child was.*

Matthew 2:9

Clerical Days

Clerical days are the hard-earned days for the teachers to do their paperwork in preparation for the report cards. Lately, we have been notified that some schools schedule faculty meetings, speakers, or some other type of agenda. Clerical days are just that, clerical days. They are not to be used for anything else but paperwork/report cards. Any other agenda is in violation of the contract. Remember, the FPDT fought too hard and too long to get these three days for the teachers.

Health Insurance

Just a reminder, beginning January 1, 2007, we will be changing from a POS to a PPO program. New group numbers will be assigned and new health insurance cards will be issued to all participants.



**The Executive Board and Federation Staff
wish you a Happy and Holy Christmas Season,
and a Healthy and Happy 2007.**