



RENEWAL CAMPAIGN

OVERVIEW

Next school year, Carroll Catholic School will begin its 65th year of providing Catholic education to Lincoln and Logan County! This esteemed milestone offers the school a wonderful opportunity for renewal and revitalization of this mission. The fruits of this renewal will be an enhanced curriculum for middle school students; an increase in students enrolled at CCS; retaining and attracting the best teachers and justly compensating them; necessary renovations of the school building and campus; and long-term financial stability.

PRESENT

Like many schools in Illinois, public and private, Carroll Catholic had its share of challenges over the past several decades, regarding student enrollment, staffing, and finances. Through collective efforts and hard work, CCS was able to continue to offer a high-quality education in a welcoming environment, provided by dedicated teachers, and sustained by many loyal families.

However, the past few years have been unprecedented in the level of uncertainty for the school, from the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic to the persistent and significant shortage of available teachers, and now the exponential rise in teacher salaries being offered by local public school districts. If Carroll Catholic School is to not only survive but to thrive and to provide another sixty-five years of academic excellence and spiritual formation, these current challenges demand a creative, sustained, and forward-thinking response.

NEAR-TERM

One important step in the school's response is a renewed emphasis on marketing the school to the local community and prospective families. Carroll School does many great things every day, and we need to better and more often tell of our successes and what makes CCS a unique educational choice. Secondly, we are redeveloping our middle school curriculum: the Monday to Thursday schedule will be reconfigured to optimize instructional time, while Friday will become Academy Day, with an emphasis on a curriculum for fifth to eighth graders that is hands-on, creative, entrepreneurial, and real-world. Communicating the school's story effectively and offering students and families something not found in any other area elementary school will enable Carroll Catholic School to grow enrollment and increase the sustainability especially vital to the school's continued success.

Finally, beginning in the 2024-2025 school year, and extending into the following four school years, Carroll School will implement a capital campaign. This five-year campaign has a goal of one million dollars. Coupled with the school's traditional fundraisers, the campaign will secure near-term financial stability, enabling CCS to operate with a balanced budget, offer tuition scholarships to students of need, increase teacher pay to retain and attract the best teaching talent, and to continue structural maintenance and renovation of the school.

LONG-TERM

Beyond securing near-term financial stability, Carroll Catholic School is committed to long-term financial security. In cooperation with the Diocese of Peoria's Office of Development, the school will pursue a planned giving program and the establishment of an endowment to benefit future CCS students and families.

Carroll Catholic School is excited as it enters into this renewal of its mission of education & formation in service of our students and families! And we are equally excited to welcome all who join and support us in this most important undertaking.