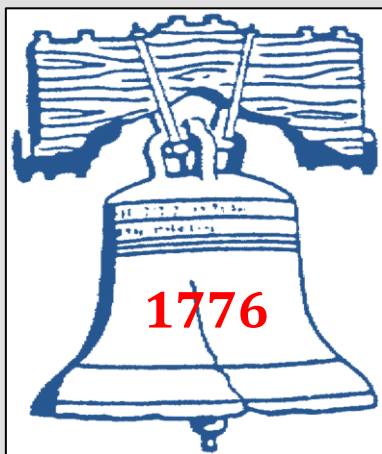


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From the President's Desk

Approaching the Finish Line of this Year's Marathon

We can all see it. Most of our senior classes are finishing up exams and preparing for graduation, which means that our senior teachers are looking forward to being with the seniors as they graduate and having quieter time in the schools. Schedules are starting to go out for the last week of school, which is always a bit hectic as we work to close out the school year with the freshmen, sophomores, and juniors still in our buildings.

For the ACT Office, there is still quite a lot of work to do before we start summer hours. The few teachers on the Constriction List are the top concern. With the small number of teachers on the List, and with teachers notifying the System that they will be retiring or resigning, we are hopeful that, at the Constriction Meeting on Thursday, June 5th, at 2 PM via Zoom, we will be able to offer those affected a new position in our system.

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Once the constricted teachers have selected their new school, the attention shifts to those teachers who have requested a voluntary transfer. Over two dozen teachers are looking to move; most, for reasons having to do with their commutes to their current schools. While the voluntary transfer process is always dependent on the available openings and the schools requested, the ACT Office will do its best to get our teachers to where they hope to be next year. Some teachers who requested a voluntary transfer may be contacted before the school year ends. Others may be contacted during the summer but not after July 25th, which is the contractual deadline to receive a voluntary transfer.

After our teachers head out to enjoy their summer break, the ACT Office will still be hard at work. There are a number of issues that we are currently working on that will carry over into the summer. Conversations will continue with OCE on several matters to prepare for next year, among which will be education in the possibility of a SEPTA strike as well as the upcoming contract negotiations.

Remember, the ACT Office will be open over the summer to answer any questions that you have concerning insurance benefits, retirement, resignation, leaves of absence, rosters, etc.

For now, all that you need to worry about is getting those final grades in so you can enjoy your end-of-the-year celebration!

As you reach that finish line, just know that we are here for you if you need us.

James

"Mothers are like glue. Even when you can't see them, they are holding the family together." – Susan Gale



We hope all our mothers had a wonderful Mother's Day!

EXECUTIVE BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Congratulations to *Anthony Polselli*, Archbishop Carroll Theology Teacher and ACT Senior Delegate, and to *Robert Dill*, West Catholic Mathematics Teacher and ACT Alternate Delegate, on their recent appointments to the ACT Executive Board as Members-At-Large.

Anthony and Robert were appointed by the Executive Board in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws, to fill the two vacancies that occurred after the most recent Area Vice-Presidents' Election. They will serve as Members-At-Large until the next regular Executive Board Election, which will occur in the Fall of 2026.

RECENTLY RETIRED



Congratulations go out to **John Miller** on his recent retirement from Roman Catholic High School.

Best wishes, John, for a happy and healthy Retirement!

TEACHERS IN THE NEWS



Congratulations to
Gerry Donahue,
Science Teacher at
Archbishop Ryan, on
receiving the
Spirit of Ryan Award
for 2025.

Congratulations to
Maureen Toman-Logan,
Roman Catholic Theology Teacher,
on being selected Roman's
2025 Teacher of the Year.



RETIRES' LUNCHEON

This year's *Retirees' Luncheon* was held on May 13th at Anthony's Ristorante in Springfield, PA and was attended by forty-five retirees, including retired ACT Staff.

A wonderful time was had by all in attendance, and ACT looks forward to hosting this event again next year.

Thank you to all who came out. It was wonderful to see you!





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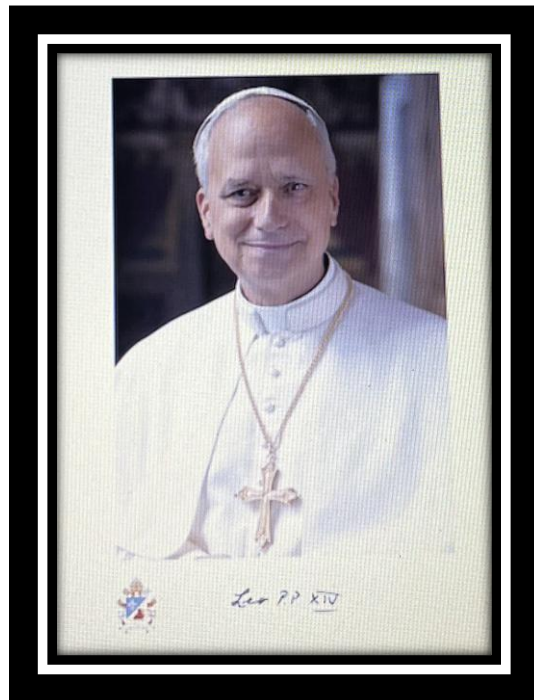
Douglas Dunn
Pope John Paul II High School



Bless those who mourn, eternal God, with the comfort of your love that they may face each new day with hope and the certainty that nothing can destroy the good that has been given.

May their memories become joyful, their days enriched with friendship, and their lives encircled by your love. Amen.

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