Our Lady’s Academy Building Project:  
**Phase 2 - Extension Project Commences**  
(New Science Lab and Music Room)  

August 4, 2015

To All Parishioners:

Construction of a new **Science Lab and Music Room** at Our Lady’s Academy began on August 3, 2015. *In thanksgiving to Almighty God, Our Lady’s Academy has experienced an enrollment growth of over 60% since 2008.* The positive news of the project’s commencement was announced at the prior weekend Masses, following several weeks of unexpected construction delays. This portion of the project, known as **Phase 2**, of school expansion, has been in the planning stages since 2011, following extensive parish consultation, archdiocesan review, and sacrificial financial savings by Our Lady’s Academy. Completion of this extension project will further the school’s constant effort to promote academic excellence. The current science lab will be converted into a **fourth pre-kindergarten classroom**. Our Lady’s Academy pre-kindergarten program is highly desired by families in the Waltham area and has had a waiting list for the past several years. The **new science lab and music room are being constructed from the far end of the school’s second floor, and out over a section of the parish center**. Construction is expected to last throughout the upcoming fall season and into the early winter. At some point, Cardinal O’Malley will be invited to dedicate the new facility. During construction, entry to the Parish Offices will be temporarily relocated, from the back of the school building, to the school’s new main entranceway, accessed from the large parking lot located between the school and church.

**Phase 1,** was **completed** during the **winter of 2015,** which includes a **centralized school entranceway with enhanced security,** modern administrative offices for the **principal** that includes an **admissions area** that can also be used for parent conferences, a **school secretary office,** and a **parish conference room** for use by school and church with kitchenette for gatherings. This facility is **handicap accessible** and includes two restrooms. The newly renovated **St. Joseph School Chapel,** where the **Blessed Sacrament** is reserved, is the **central focus of the new entranceway,** as Jesus Christ and the teachings of the Catholic Faith are the primary reason for the school’s existence from which the overall educational needs of Our Lady’s Academy are based. Phase 1 was fully funded by Our Lady’s Academy and the parish conference room was principally funded from the generous contributions of two parishioners. Phase 2 is expected to be fully funded by the school at the completion of the current fiscal year.

May Almighty God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit continue to bless our parish as we journey together. May Mary, our mother, watch over this new building endeavor, as the church and school are entrusted to her maternal protection.

Fr. James M. DiPerri, **Pastor**
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