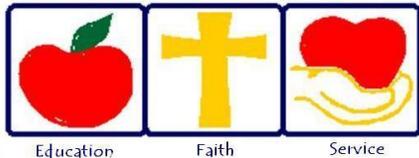


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St. Anne Catholic School in Somerset Beneficiary of Grant to Undertake Four-Year Strategic Management and Development Initiative

Somerset WI., December 2, 2015 – St. Anne Catholic School is pleased to announce that it is one of the beneficiaries of a Catholic Extension grant to undertake a four-year Strategic Management and Development Initiative.

The purpose of this initiative, made available to all 15 of the Diocese of Superior’s Catholic schools, is to help schools become exceptional, well-managed institutions through institutionalized best practices.

Catholic Extension has collaborated with Catholic School Management, Inc. (CSM), a division of Christian Brothers Services, to offer its Strategic Management and Development Program. For over 40 years, the Connecticut based CSM has nationally been considered a premier provider of consulting services to faith-based organizations.

The Strategic Management and Development Program is a consultation service that helps schools strengthen their Catholic identity, define goals, improve the efficiency of school boards, enhance school image and communications, raise funds, manage enrollment, and market themselves more effectively.

“The grant marks an exciting time for our Catholic Schools” says Peggy Schoenfuss, Superintendent of Catholic Schools. “It allows us to further build on a tradition of delivering sound Church teaching through a high quality broad-based curriculum.”

“St. Anne Catholic School has a proud tradition of serving students and families in Somerset and the surrounding communities of New Richmond, Houlton, East Farmington, and Osceola,” said Principal Stanke. “Participation in this program should only serve to enhance what we already provide our students in terms of strong academic preparation in a faith-filled environment that is conducive to learning and growing,” Stanke added.

“Great marketing and development is vital to the mission of Catholic education,” said Steve Tarnowski, Director of Development, who helped initiate the \$80,000 grant for the Diocese. “We’ve long known that Catholic schools can never afford to take enrollment and funding for granted,” he said. “This program promises to make a significant difference for participating schools because of CSM’s proven track record of success in more than 3,000 schools.”

The program kicked off with an initial two-day Diocesan wide seminar on November 16, 2015 in Rice Lake. Maria Ribera, CSM President and Richard Burke, CSM Senior Consultant addressed pastors, parish life coordinators, principals, administrators as well as key staff and volunteers who will assume the various responsibilities necessary fulfill the program. Other meetings and video conferences are scheduled throughout the year.