



Archdiocese Elementary School (Conceptual Rendering)/ Rubeling & Associates

## **New Catholic Community School (Pre-K – 8) In Baltimore City**

### **FACT SHEET**

**Location:** Two vacant lots located at 732 W. Lexington Street and 763 Dr. Benjamin Quarles Place, across from the University of Maryland (Zip Code 21201, Census Tract 24510180100)

**Status:** The acquisition is underway and a contract being prepared

**Timing:** Open in September 2021 for the 2021-2022 school year

**Project Goal:** Build a new two-track Catholic school that will provide students a values-based, 21st Century education

**Population Served:** Students from low-income (65% Free and Reduced Meals), mostly non-Catholic (80%), and minority (98% African American and Hispanic) households

**Name:** The school will be named for Mother Mary Lange, a pioneer in educating children of color in Baltimore

**Project Cost:** \$23.9 million

**Funds Raised:** \$19.5 million (\$19 million for capital and \$500,000 for scholarships)

**Endowments:** The Archdiocese is also seeking to endow two \$2.5 million funds each for: a) operating expenses to ensure the integrity and maintenance of the building, and b) tuition grants and aid

**New Market Tax Credits:** The case for the school well received by Community Development Entities (CDEs) and investors. An allocation of \$25 million would yield \$5 million -\$7 million for the project.

#### **Purpose of the Project:**

- Allow two existing Community Schools (Ss. James & John, Holy Angels) with 400+ students, living in 40 zip codes, to consolidate into one 21st Century facility
- Provide students in Baltimore City with access to an academically excellent Catholic education, especially those living in an area of the city that has been without access for many years
- Invest in the redevelopment and revitalization of Baltimore City and function as another economic driver for its communities

**Partners:**

- Nearly 50 university, corporate, philanthropic, and nonprofit partners are committed to ensuring that students receive a superior education and supportive services

**Superintendent of Catholic Schools:** Dr. Donna Hargens met with Baltimore City Public School CEO, Dr. Sonja Santelises, to begin building a mutually beneficial relationship

**Community Affairs Director:** Mary Ellen Russell is engaging community groups and neighborhood associations in planning

**Areas for Community Engagement:** Ideas being considered include

- Board participation
- Marketing and Communications Initiatives
- Recruitment and enrollment Initiatives

**Sources of Tuition Assistance:** 80-90% of students will require tuition assistance in order to attend school. We anticipate having available in the first year over \$1 million for tuition grants and aid through

- The Archdiocese's Partners In Excellence Scholarship Program and School Fund
- Private Scholarship Programs (GB Charities, Children's Scholarship Fund)
- The State of Maryland's BOOST program
- Endowments totaling \$6 million

**Design Builder Contractor:** Whiting-Turner Contracting is in full school design and site planning mode along with JMT and Century Engineering

Building Design: Total of 65,925 square feet on 3 levels with 2 classrooms each for K-5 and 6-8, plus 2 each PreK3, PreK4 and Kindergarten

**Capacity:** Inaugural enrollment of approximately 400 students, growing to 520 over 3-5 years

**Facility Features:**

- STEM Suite (Science Lab, makerspace and robotics)
- Digital Media Center (Library and Digital Media Studio)
- Art and music rooms
- Health suite
- Regulation size gymnasium with performance stage
- Chapel
- Full-service kitchen
- Soccer/lacrosse field and exercise circuit
- Security systems

**Staffing:**

- 35 teachers, aids and administrators
- Full-time counselor plus medical/dental care, speech and language clinic
- Full-time instructors in reading and math
- Full-time specialists in physical education, music, art, technology and foreign language

**Transportation:** Private buses will provide transport for students

