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## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

### TO THE FACULTY, PARENTS AND PUPILS OF THE MARTI SCHOOL

The Board of Trustees, in a letter mailed on April 23, 1963, advised those of you vitally concerned with the progress and development of events related to the School that we would communicate any additional information to you just as soon as possible. We are now in a position to inform you of the latest positive development in our efforts to provide adequately for the growing physical needs of the school.

On Tuesday, April 30, Mrs. Frederick C. Smith and Mrs. Robert D. Hughes, Jr., as representatives of the Board of Trustees, appeared before the Vestry of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 33 W. Dixon Ave., Oakwood, Dayton, and presented to it the Board's request that the School be permitted to use a part of St. Paul's Church School facilities for grades kindergarten-through-six, on a temporary basis, for the school year 1963-1964. On Sunday, May 5, 1963, the following announcement appeared in the Sunday Bulletin of the Church, distributed at all three Sunday morning services:

#### DAYTON PRIVATE SCHOOL

#### PROPOSES USE OF CHURCH FACILITIES

"The Vestry, in consultation with Dayton Private School (known as the Marti School) representatives, voted unanimously last Tuesday evening to grant the use of classroom facilities at St. Paul's for a temporary period of the next school year, for the elementary school. It is subject to satisfactory co-ordinated arrangements. The Committee on Arrangements chairman is Mr. Paul Lacouture. This is an emergency matter. The school must secure outside space for this part of its enrollment in order to survive. Long discussion preceded the action of the Vestry, which was finally based on the emergency temporary need, with adequate compensation for use, and on the previously adopted policy of the Vestry to make Church facilities available for use, rather than just to preserve them. The Church is in the Community to serve. The school is a community need. Seven classrooms are to be used Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for the next school year. Allowance will be made by the school for priority use of facilities for the Church's program at certain times. We believe that this is a proper use of the Church buildings in Christian service. It must be remembered that many Churches have begun in school facilities."

This consent is a very generous move on the part of St. Paul's, and the Marti Board is indeed most grateful for the gracious co-operation of the Church. This move has been followed up by representatives of both the Church and the School, and it has been decided that the School can operate very comfortably and conveniently in the rooms of the eastern, or "old" building of the Church complex. These rooms are lovely, light and airy, and the restroom and lunch-room facilities will be more than adequate for our needs. There is also a large room available for assemblies, and for activity periods, and the youngsters will be able to enter the building through outside doors which are apart from the normal flow of weekday Church traffic.

While all the final arrangements have not yet been made, we have every assurance that the joint committees will be able to work out the details to the satisfaction of both the Church and the School, and we look forward to a fine, stimulating and progressive year of association with St. Paul's.

This move also means that all elementary grades will operate separately and fully, with a teacher in charge of each separate grade. Therefore, we shall be in a position to enlarge the enrollment of each class to some degree. It would certainly be in order--indeed, a matter of great importance--for each person or family connected with the Marti School to do his utmost to spread this information, and to act as a member of the Enrollment committee in this way.

Just as soon as further details are known, we shall inform you of them. At this moment it is important that we all remember that this generous move is, of necessity, an inconvenience to the Church. Undoubtedly, in this sharing of their building facilities, minor irritations are bound to spring up from one or both sides. It behooves us to remember that when something vital to the Church's program takes priority, we have no cause to feel "put out". We shall endeavor to co-operate with the Church in every way, as the Church is doing with us.

In the meantime, we are working on details of providing full faculty, nearby outdoor play space, and all of the other necessary factors for what we hope will be the most successful year yet for the elementary school.

Of course, this move means that the upper school will be able to utilize the facilities vacated by the lower school on the Manger Road property. It is hoped that the upper school will have an expanded Science program next year, including Chemistry, in the present lower school building, and that the present Kindergarten and First Grade rooms may be utilized as study or additional classroom space.

We thank you for your patience and co-operation in this year of expansion and growth. We welcome any questions or suggestions and hope you will feel free to communicate with us. We shall try to keep you up-to-date as quickly as we can. We hope that very soon we can give you news of plans for permanent expansion.

Nancy W. Hughes,  
President of the Board