

HISTORY OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL HIGH SCHOOL

In 1955, the first pastor, Rt. Rev. J. H. Irwin, established Saints Peter and Paul School to satisfy the needs of a growing Catholic community on the Eastern Shore. The Dominican Sisters from Sparkill, New York originally staffed the school. In 1958, the commitment was made to establish the high school to provide a continuing opportunity for Catholic education for the graduating students. Over the years, the facility has grown, including the Saints Peter and Paul Gymnasium built in 1963, and the Father John Farrington academic wing which was built in 1970 and houses the high school library and classrooms for the middle school.

Under the leadership of Father Howard T. Clark, Superintendent of Schools for the Wilmington Diocese, extensive renovations were made to both the interior and exterior facility, including the Father Farrington Plaza adjoining the gymnasium, and to the restructuring of the curriculum to create a comprehensive college preparatory Catholic high school. During the 1990's, Father Paul Jennings guided the creation of a separate high school facility and supervised the growth of the school community.

Father Robert Coine became pastor in 1999 with the mission to build a new church and parish facility to foster a spiritual and academic community rooted in faith that will continue to provide for the Catholic community of the Eastern Shore.

Explanation of the School Seal

The School Seal contains a number of symbols that represent the history of our school. The school is named after Saint Peter and Saint Paul and just as they were challenged with the mission of preaching the Good News of the early Church, our school is called to educate and lead the spiritual and intellectual development of the Catholic community of the Eastern Shore. The symbol of the **Key** represents Saint Peter and symbolizes the key to *Knowledge* and *Heaven*. The **Sword** stands for Saint Paul and demonstrates *Strength* and *Courage*. Finally, **Veritas**, or **Truth**, links us to the Dominican sisters whose charism guided the school for so many years and continues to guide our pursuit of knowledge in all things.

School Colors: *Navy Blue and White*

School Mascot: *Sabres*

School Prayer: *Saints Peter and Paul, Pray for Us.
Jesus, Live in Our Hearts, Forever.*

Alma Mater: *"Blue and White"*

Blue and White will always linger
With each new and passing year.
As an emblem of true honor
We will hold you dear.
We will ever honor thee
And true we'll ever be.
For we are your sons and daughters
Marching on for thee.

Alma Mater, Alma Mater
When we leave your sheltering walls
We shall leave an echo ringing
Through your treasured halls.
We will leave an echo ringing in the silent night
While our memories are singing
Of the Blue and White.