

# LC to get a new name

## *School in Hilltown to be called Lansdale Catholic Regional High School*

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LANSDALE — Cardinal Justin Rigali, archbishop of Philadelphia, has heeded the wishes of a majority of respondents to a summer survey, selecting Lansdale Catholic Regional High School as the name for the new school planned in Hilltown Township.

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On Thursday, the archdiocese announced Rigali’s decision, which will only slightly alter the present moniker of Lansdale Catholic High School, for the new facility that will replace the current school.

The ruling will allow the school to retain its colors, mascot and spirit, according to LC President Jim Casey.

“We are very grateful to Cardinal Rigali for listening to the community of alumni, students, parents and prospective parents,”

Casey said. “‘We are LC’ will continue to echo as a rallying cry for years to come.”

Lucille Pritchard, who chairs Lansdale Catholic’s math department, said maintaining more than 50 years of tradition is important to the school.

“The school may be moving to a different address,” Pritchard said, “but we will always be LC.”

More than 2,000 respondents participated in a survey to name the new facility, which will be built on a 68-acre tract at the intersection of Limekiln Pike and Rickert Road.

Seventy-two percent selected Lansdale Catholic Regional High School as their top preference.

Casey said construction on the \$65 million facility, scheduled to open in time for the 2012-13 school year, will probably begin in the summer of 2010.

Tom Francis, a 1955 graduate of Lansdale Catholic, said he thought the decision was made to appease borough residents.

George Di Domizio, a member of the school’s first graduating class, in 1953, said the name will likely increase future donations from the borough.

“Of all the choices, they picked the name I would have preferred,” Di Domizio said. “Hooray.”

Di Domizio said he is holding out hope that the school will never be built in Hilltown. He suggested that cost overruns for the high school currently under construction in Royersford will force Rigali to reconsider his decision not to expand the current home of Lansdale Catholic High School.

“The odds are long,” Di Domizio said. “But it could happen.”

However, Joe Hogan, a 1971 LC graduate and member of the capital campaign committee, said renovating the current facility would not cost significantly less than constructing a new school.

“It’s not economically viable,” said Horgan, who owns and operates a concrete recycling plant in Upper Gwynedd.

Rich Trotter, a 1973 LC graduate who participated on the leadership committee that suggested moving the school, said the new facility will serve a burgeoning Catholic population in northern Bucks, Montgomery and Chester counties.

“The vast major of graduates I come in contact with are in favor of the move,” said Trotter, a 1977 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy and the owner of a water ice company based in Delaware County. “Lansdale was the ideal location for the school in the last half of the 20th century. Hilltown provides the same thing for the first half of the 21st century.”