



Building on the Cornerstone

Strategic planning leads to a bold vision for the future of JPII.



Every institution reaches pivotal moments — inflection points that call us to both honor the past and boldly shape the future. At JPII, we believe we stand at such a moment today. With our debt fully retired in 2023, a clear strategic plan in process, and a community deeply rooted in faith, we are poised to embark on the most ambitious and transformative chapter in our school’s 24-year history.

As we reflect on our founding and the original vision of Ann and Monroe Carell, who were inspired by their encounter with Saint John Paul II to help establish a Catholic high school in Middle Tennessee, we are reminded that JPII has always been about the “more.” More than academics alone, more than athletics, more than fine arts, we are about forming young people in mind, body, character, and spirit, for lives of learning and service, and most importantly, to know and love Christ.

But even more deeply, we understand that this formation is not simply preparation for college or career; it is preparation for eternity. Students also realize their role through participation in the Church’s mission to sanctify the world. JPII exists to form students in the truth that they are eternal souls called

to holiness, service, and courageous leadership. In a world increasingly fixated on the material and temporal, we proclaim a vision grounded in the eternal and sacramental.

Today, we carry that legacy forward through a unifying plan that includes three foundational efforts: Vision 2028, our five-year strategic plan; the JPII Campus Master Plan, which provides the architectural and functional roadmap for our school’s

next evolution; and Building Together, Transforming Forever, a capital campaign to bring these visions to life.

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Vision 2028: Strategic Priorities Inspired by Faith

Our new vision statement, “To form young people who love God, self, and neighbor, seek Truth, serve others, and lead courageously,” was developed after much collaboration. Further research, studies, and collaboration with more than 1,400 members of our school community culminated in the strategic plan *Vision 2028*, which identifies five core priorities for the future of the JPII community:

Mission and Catholic Identity

We remain committed to a deeply Catholic culture, rooted in sacramental life and inspired by the witness of our namesake, Saint John Paul II. Our strategic initiatives include expanding devotional opportunities, integrating faith into all programming, and fostering a welcoming environment where all students are valued and loved. Every educator at JPII teaches with a supernatural vision, understanding that true education is one soul reaching out to another. The faith is not simply taught; it is encountered in the daily life of the school, especially in our growing devotion to the Eucharist and the prayerful use of our chapel, which has become a place where dozens of students regularly light candles and sit quietly with Christ.

Campus Enhancement

Recognizing the need for responsible stewardship, we are implementing a prioritized list of improvements to our existing campus, alongside a Campus Master Plan that accommodates both current programmatic needs and future growth.

Community Development

We are deepening engagement with alumni, parents, local churches, and young people through new events and programs, enhanced alumni engagement, and meaningful opportunities for fellowship with our community.

Culture of Excellence

We continue to pursue academic, artistic, and athletic excellence by meeting the needs of the whole student and investing in faculty development, while maintaining high expectations and authentic care for every learner. True excellence is more than achievement: it is virtue in action.

Financial Strength

We are focused on long-term sustainability by growing our endowment, expanding financial aid, and ensuring that more qualified students have access to a JPII education, regardless of financial circumstance.

The JPII Campus Master Plan: Honoring Beauty, Serving Mission

The architectural heart of our future lies in the JPII Campus Master Plan, a vision shaped by 15 months of research, planning, and prayerful consultation. Honoring our school’s original design, which was modeled after Bernini’s piazza in Vatican City, the master plan reflects our core values while addressing real and growing needs. Our initial priorities include the following:

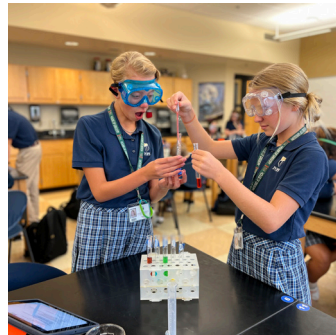
Catholic and Christian Beauty

Enhancements to our chapel, new outdoor spaces like a Rosary walk and amphitheater, and art installations will visually express our Catholic identity and invite deeper spiritual reflection. These sacred spaces serve our mission to help students encounter the supernatural and grow in community and personal devotion.

Academic Expansion

We plan to build 20–22 new classrooms, cutting-edge labs, and applied engineering spaces to support our growing programs, including middle school, science, and fine arts.

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Program Growth

With the addition of middle school students in 2021, programs were added that require additional classroom and athletic spaces.



Catholic Beauty

Our community loves to congregate in beautiful spaces, including in the shadow of our namesake. Offering students additional spaces to enhance opportunities for fellowship and faith formation is essential as our community expands.

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Fine Arts Facilities

A new Fine Arts Center will include sunlit visual art studios, improved acoustics for music, a second-floor gallery, and additional classroom space.

Athletic Expansion

With 70% of students participating in athletics, new competition and practice facilities, locker rooms, and a field house are planned, along with major upgrades to current gyms, fields, courts, and training areas.

Campus Upgrades

Renovations to existing classrooms, bathrooms, and informal student areas will ensure a welcoming, functional, and beautiful environment.

Building Together, Transforming Forever: The Capital Campaign

To bring these dreams into reality, we are launching the Building Together, Transforming Forever capital campaign in the early fall 2025. This effort will raise funds to support our most immediate and future facility needs, the beautification and spiritual enhancement of our campus, and a growing scholarship endowment to increase access to Catholic education.

More than a financial effort, the campaign is a call to prayer, sacrifice, and stewardship. As Saint John Paul II called young people to become “disciples of Christ who feel responsible for transforming social, political, economic, and cultural reality,” we call our entire community, alumni, parents, benefactors, and friends, to help us build a school that prepares such disciples. In this new Apostolic Age, where the Church is called to re-evangelize a culture that has lost its sacred vision, JPII stands ready to be a light in the darkness.

JPII Campus Master Plan



01. Fine Arts Center: Features two large visual art studios with courtyard views, a mezzanine art exhibit space, and a covered outdoor courtyard by the dining hall.

02. Moments of Catholic Beauty: By surrounding students with Catholic beauty, we foster awe, highlight creation, and deepen faith. The new entrance and driveway showcase the natural landscape and moments of spiritual reflection.

03. Walking Trail: A scenic trail surrounds the campus, blending nature with faith through features like the Christocentric prayer garden and Rosary walk.

04. Entrance, Office, and Student Commons: The expanded front of the school offers collaborative study spaces, community areas, timeless literature, additional offices, and a welcoming entrance that honors our namesake and heritage.

A Shining City on a Hill

Since our founding, JP2 has been proclaimed a “Shining City on the Hill,” a place where the light of faith illuminates the pursuit of truth, service, and excellence. As we look to our next chapter, we do so with deep gratitude for those who came before and bold confidence in God’s Providence.

We invite you to pray for our mission, support our campaign, and walk with us as we build a future rooted in faith, formed by vision, and destined to transform lives — forever.

Saint John Paul II, pray for us!

For more information about participating in the *Building Together, Transforming Forever Campaign*, please contact Director of Advancement Michelle Barber (michelle.barber@jp2prep.org). To view the entire Strategic Plan or Campus Master Plan, please visit our website (www.jp2prep.org/about).

Please join our efforts by praying for the JP2 Capital Campaign.



God our Father,
You are the cornerstone on which
our community is founded.

We give you thanks for the legacy of our school
and for the bright future you have in store for us.

We ask for your blessing as we embark on the next
chapter of our journey.

Bless the foundation on which this school was built.

Bless the building as it expands and grows
to fit the needs of our community.

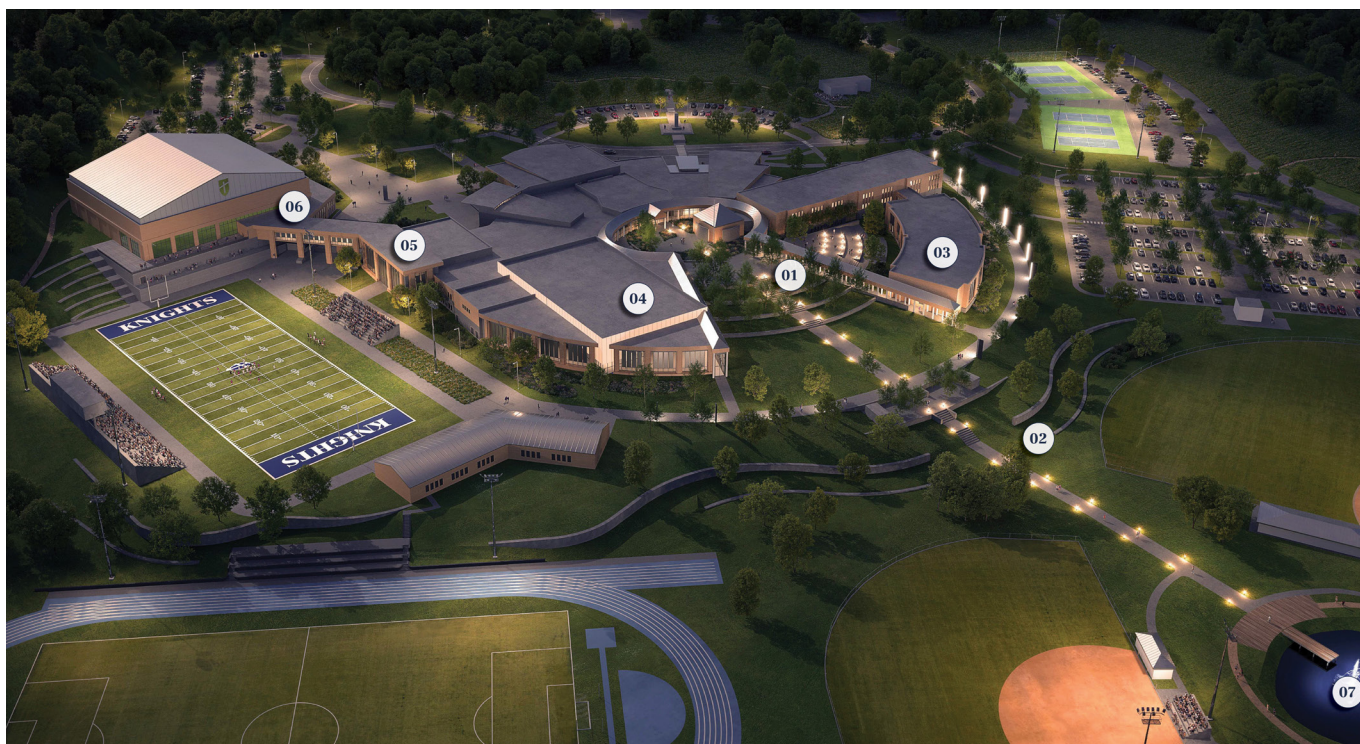
Bless the students whom you wrap in your embrace.

May we always be centered on you,
the source of all that is good, true, and beautiful.

Bless us that as we seek to develop the school,
we may likewise strive for the building up
of your eternal kingdom.

We ask all this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

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01. Courtyard: Expanded Bernini-inspired colonnades frame a green space centered on the chapel and Christ, with a terraced courtyard for outdoor Mass, performances, and learning.

02. Enhanced Green Space: Relocating parking creates more green space and tiered seating near athletic fields.

03. Academic Wing Expansion: A new two-story wing adds 20–22 classrooms, science labs, and engineering spaces. Existing space will support additional visual arts classrooms.

04. Gyms & Fitness Center: A second gym, mezzanine connector, and a two-tier fitness center enhance athletic facilities.

05. Seating & Locker Rooms: Adds 300 seats to the auxiliary gym, new locker rooms, and a walkway to the field house.

06. Athletic Field House: Includes balcony seating, coaches’ offices, locker rooms, and a turfed half-field for indoor practice.

07. Water Feature: A retention pond, created by shifting student parking, adds a unique natural element to campus.