

Monsignor James Heslin was appointed Pastor of Holy Spirit Catholic Church in 1985. By the late 1980's, he recognized the need for a Catholic school in East Arlington. He began the process of obtaining information and planning. After much prayer, in 1987, four new classrooms were added to the complex and a principal was hired. Holy Spirit Catholic School opened on September 5, 1988 with one class of 12 four year-old children.

Adding grades and building classroom additions almost every year culminating in the first 8<sup>th</sup> grade class graduation in 2000. In the years following, Monsignor spear-headed the funding and planning of the current parish hall/gymnasium, which was completed in 2005. After Monsignor retired in 2006, the building was named "Heslin Hall" in his honor.

Holy Spirit Catholic School celebrated its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on September 5, 2013. Monsignor Heslin's insight, leadership and faith have remained the strong foundation that HSCS operates on every year. When asked why he decided to open a Catholic school, Monsignor relied, "If even one priest comes from this school, then it was worth everything". Holy Spirit Parish community continues to pray for the school and for that one young man to say, "Yes" to his calling.