

Macomb Co. to get new Catholic school

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A new Catholic high school will be built in northern Macomb County, the Archdiocese of Detroit announced Monday.

The Austin Catholic Academy is expected to open in a few years and will be located on 23 Mile Road in Macomb Township. The church is to be sponsored by seven parishes in Macomb County.

The Augustinians of the Midwest -- based in Olympia Fields, Ill. - will run the school.

Archdiocese officials said about 10% of the \$30 million needed to build the school has been raised.

The Augustinians, who have eight schools in the United States and one in Canada, used to run Austin High School in Detroit before it closed in 1973.

Notre Dame High had hoped to build a school at the Macomb County site after the Detroit archdiocese announced it was one of 18 Detroit-area Catholic schools slated to close. Notre Dame is fighting to stay open.

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