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Catholic Boys School Moves to Wheaton Campus

The Avalon School, an independent Catholic boys school established in 2003 in Montgomery County, MD, will relocate its current Gaithersburg campus to the school facilities and grounds of St. Catherine Labouré in Wheaton, Maryland. The move is scheduled for July 2018, and will allow Avalon's 220 students to begin the 2018-2019 school year in a larger, refurbished building. Avalon will continue to operate as an independent, Catholic school for boys in grades K-12.

The campus is comprised of a building with 22 oversized classrooms, lab space, and a large auditorium and stage, as well as a field and a gymnasium. An added advantage is that St. Catherine Labouré Church offers two daily Masses and has an Eucharistic Adoration chapel.

"We are excited to move Avalon to a formal school facility, and to have access to the services at St. Catherine Labouré on our doorstep", says Barry Stohlman, Chairman of The Avalon School Board of Trustees. "In addition, this expanded facility offers Avalon the exciting opportunity to attain its goal of 350 students, and grow the community life of the school. "

Avalon currently is consulting with Rev. Francisco E. Aguirre, Administrator of St. Catherine Labouré and the Archdiocese on a plan to update and refresh the school and campus; work will begin this summer. To facilitate a smooth transition in September, Avalon will offer free shuttle service next school year from its current site in Gaithersburg, from Milestone Center in Germantown, as well as from the Wheaton Metro, and plans to add additional shuttles from other areas as needed.

St. Catherine Labouré closed its K-8 parish school in 2013, but provides a Catholic education program for more than 1,100 students and adults each week which will continue under the direction of St. Catherine's.