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## OFFICE OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION

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Dear Parent/Guardian of the Elementary Students in Parish and Regional Elementary Schools,

I begin this letter to you with great gratitude for your support of Catholic Education in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia! Your commitment to quality, Catholic Education is very much appreciated.

Since the announced closure of Northeast Catholic High School in October 2009, interest was expressed by the Cristo Rey Network to pursue the possibility of a Cristo Rey School opening within the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Cardinal Justin Rigali and Bishop Joseph McFadden have met with the Cristo Rey organization and have given permission for a feasibility study to look into this alternative type of school to be considered for children within the city of Philadelphia.

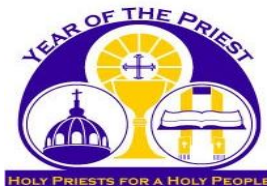
As discussions have continued over these past several months, questions have come to my attention that I feel need to be clarified so that we all have the same understanding of the philosophy and structure of a Cristo Rey School.

I would ask that you review the information that is a part of this communication so that you are aware of the facts and the direction of this Cristo Rey School and its accompanying mission and vision. To date, a feasibility study is underway to gain the interest and the support of those families who would qualify for entrance into this school. The current target date for determining the opening of this school for the 2010-2011 school year will be late March or early April 2010.

Thank you for your interest and attention to the current facts around this initiative.

Sincerely in the Lord,

Mary E. Rochford  
Superintendent of Schools



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