
Catholic Diocese of Columbus

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To the Columbus Community:

There is a good deal of excitement in the news that our diocese may be opening a new high school as part of the Cristo Rey Network. As you may have read, the Jesuit Fathers have developed an amazing educational concept which allows both a work study program and rigorous academics, geared exclusively to students who are most at risk due to their low economic level. The model has been tried and tested in over 20 locations around the country and, without in any way infringing on the enrollment of our existing schools, it speaks to a group presently beyond our reach.

An intense year of study has begun and will precede the final decision of opening this school. The study is being conducted by Barbara Brown, feasibility coordinator, in cooperation with Lucia McQuaide, superintendent, and our Office of Catholic Schools. The unique economic times in which we live and the rising cost of education has made the time right for this unique approach to funding Catholic education.

I lend my support to this effort to assist some of the most needy of students, and at the same time, pledge support to the preservation of our existing high schools. I ask you to consider the presentation by Ms. Brown and also to give your prayerful consideration to the support and essential funding of this endeavor. Catholic Schools have enjoyed a long and successful history of imparting the faith, changing lives, and building up communities. This effort, unique as it is, allows this history to continue. The book *More Than a Dream* tells the story of this concept. I ask you to help the dream that we offer to so many students now, become a dream for those at the next level who still need a dream and a vision in order to find success in life.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Most Reverend Frederick F. Campbell, D.D., Ph.D.
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