

# Destination: DePaul Cristo Rey

DePaul Cristo Rey High School, sponsored by the Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati, provides an opportunity for young women and men with economic need to obtain a Catholic, college-preparatory education, made affordable through an innovative Corporate Work Study Program.

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## From a Dream to a Dedication: DePaul Cristo Rey Opens in June

Several years of research, planning and hard work supported by a community of dedicated sponsors, generous donors, education leaders and hopeful families will culminate in the historic, long-awaited opening of DePaul Cristo Rey High School – now just weeks away. The first ninth graders start their high school careers in June when they arrive on campus. Just ahead of their first day, the Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati and the DePaul Cristo Rey Board of Directors will host a school dedication, blessing and ribbon-cutting ceremony on June 5 to officially commemorate the opening of Cincinnati’s newest Catholic high school.

At most schools, summer vacation starts in June; DePaul Cristo Rey High School isn’t like most schools. Instead of marking an ending, June will mark a beginning for these ninth graders as they arrive for the Academic Bridge Program and the start of Summer CORE (Corporate Office Readiness Enrichment) Training.

Since DPCR’s curriculum is strictly college-preparatory, the goal of the Academic Bridge Program is to introduce students to this level of academic work. The program will help students bridge the gap between elementary and high school academic expectations in reading and math. Daily for three weeks beginning June 13, students will participate in a 90-minute math class, followed by a 90-minute reading class.

During the first week of the Academic Bridge Program, the morning session will be followed by lunch and an introductory week of CORE. This is a “survival in the corporate world” course that will introduce students to the corporate culture while laying the foundation for their future career development. Beginning with the weeklong June session and continuing for two weeks in August, CORE will focus on students’ social, professional and office skills. Students will learn everything from the importance of eye contact and hand-shaking to phone etiquette and how to send a fax. CORE will prepare the students for their Corporate Work Study Program (CWSP) positions that begin with the start of school in late August. While CORE is an intensive, introductory program, students’ CWSP training and professional development will continue throughout their four years at DPCR.

We hope you’ll join us June 5 for the historic dedication of our new school. Details are on the back page of this newsletter.



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and  
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HIGH SCHOOL



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## Recruitment Continues as DePaul Cristo Rey Prepares for Students Arriving in June

It's been a very busy spring at DePaul Cristo Rey as staff members continue to meet with families, review student applications and register the school's first freshman class. Staff from all areas of the school have assisted in the recruitment efforts which have included visits to schools and churches, neighborhood walks, a March Student Open House, Discover Day in April, ads on Metro buses, radio commercials, and eblasts.

As of early May, more than 75 students have been through the registration process and prospective students continue to contact the school almost daily. With a goal of enrolling 80 to 100 freshmen for the Class of 2015, staff members will continue recruitment efforts up until the middle of June when the Academic Bridge Program gets underway.

Students and their families appear excited to get started. Over 70 people attended the first Student/Parent Information meeting for registered students held in late April.

If you know of an eighth grade student who has not yet decided on high school, please contact Enrollment Director Keianna Matthews at 861-0600 or [keianna.matthews@depaulcristorey.org](mailto:keianna.matthews@depaulcristorey.org) as soon as possible.



*Pictured above (left to right): Robert Birdsell, president of the Cristo Rey Network poses with Adrian Gonzalez, graduate of Cristo Rey Jesuit High School in Chicago and current student at Xavier University; and Sister Jeanne Bessette, OSF.*



*Dear Friends of DePaul Cristo Rey,*

**T**his newsletter comes to you during what I think of as our Season of Welcome. DePaul Cristo Rey High School, named for St. Vincent de Paul and honoring Christ the King, has no small mission – welcoming ALL to live in the reign of God.

We continue to welcome new staff members, teachers, board members and volunteers. Like St. Vincent, who reached out to the women and men of his day to assist in his ministry to the underserved, we realize we cannot do this good work alone. We need collaborators with all kinds of skills and experiences to address the educational, social and spiritual needs of our students. Please consider how you might become one of these collaborators.

St. Vincent de Paul widened his circle of collaborators to include those who could support his work through the generous sharing of their resources. At DPCR we continuously welcome business leaders as Corporate Partners as well as foundations and individual donors to make this school a true community effort. Please consider how and why you might share your resources to enrich this wonderful new school – part of a network of truly amazing urban schools dedicated to *changing lives, one student at a time.*

And in the spirit of Cristo Rey – Christ the King – we especially welcome our first class of students and the people who love and support them already – parents, grandparents, extended families, parish and school communities – who have prepared them and send them to this next step on their journey.

The Reign of God is this large – all embracing, all encompassing – a place where all are loved, welcomed and needed for who they are and the gifts they bring. Welcome to DePaul Cristo Rey!

*Sr. Jeanne Bessette, OSF*  
Sister Jeanne Bessette, OSF  
President

*Pictured above: At the February Community Open House Sr. Jeanne Bessette, OSF, greets Rev. Pat McCloskey, OFM, Franciscan editor of "St. Anthony Messenger" while Sr. Barbara Hagedorn, SC, board chair, prepares for a media interview.*

# DePaul Cristo Rey Receives Significant Grant, Recognizes Sponsors

A significant grant received this spring will help advance the mission of DePaul Cristo Rey High School. The \$100,000 grant from the Jacob G. Schmidlapp Trusts, Fifth Third Bank, Trustee, will help fund transportation costs for the school's Corporate Work Study Program (CWSP) and provide scholarship support for students. We are very grateful for this outstanding support.

DePaul Cristo Rey also recognizes and expresses deepest gratitude to the Bank of Kentucky, H.J. Benken Florist and Greenhouse, and United-Maier Signs, Inc. who have provided financial and in-kind support for the school.

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## Board of Directors Critical to Success of DePaul Cristo Rey

The Board of Directors has been established for DePaul Cristo Rey High School, and board members have been working to advance the school's mission and move it closer to the official opening. Much of this work has been



completed through members' service on Board committees which include Development, Facilities, Finance, Governance, and Marketing/Community Relations.

Pictured are Board members (first row left to right): William Baechtold, attorney at Graydon Head; Sister Barbara Hagedorn, SC, president of the Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati; and Sister Jeanne Bessette, OSF, DPCR president. Second row (left to right): Rick Reynolds, investment advisor at Bartlett; Rev. Eric Knapp, SJ, pastor at St. Francis Xavier Church; Paul Sittenfeld, managing director at Robert W. Baird & Co.; Barbara Bennie, community volunteer; and Bernice Cooper, vice president of Client Services at Freestore Foodbank. Third row (left to right): Eleanor Irwin, retired senior vice president of Credit Administration at US Bank; Thomas Neyer, retired chair and president of Al. Neyer, Inc.; Sister Brenda Busch, SC, of Working in Neighborhoods; Willie Carden, director of Cincinnati Park Board; and Sister Catherine Kirby, SC, retired assistant superintendent of Archdiocese of Cincinnati Schools. Board member Jack Bunker, retired from J Bunker Marketing, is not pictured.

## Clothing Donations Needed

The Corporate Work Study Program at DePaul Cristo Rey High School is seeking donations of new or slightly used professional clothing. All students will be required to wear professional attire as part of their school uniform.

### Items needed include:

- dark or khaki dress pants (or skirts for women)
- belts
- button-down, long-sleeve, collared dress shirts in solid colors
- suit jackets
- neck ties

Cash donations are gladly accepted for the purchase of shoes.

If you would like to make a donation or sponsor a clothing drive at your place of business, please contact:

Lisa Claytor  
Director of the Corporate Work Study Program  
513-861-0600  
[lisa.claytor@depaulcristorey.org](mailto:lisa.claytor@depaulcristorey.org)



## Tablet PCs, Wireless Technology Create 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Environment at DePaul Cristo Rey

Paper notebooks, folders and worksheets are likely to be scarce when students begin their freshman classes at DePaul Cristo Rey in August. Taking the place of these traditional school supplies will be the Tablet PC computers that every student will receive and use during their four years at DPCR.

As is the case at all Cristo Rey Network schools, DPCR is only offering a college-prep curriculum and DPCR leaders decided the Tablet PC program would offer students the best integration of academics and technology. Having a Tablet PC as an essential learning tool will allow DPCR students to actively participate in classroom lessons and discussions. Using the Tablet PC, students can diagram sentences, plot charts, graph equations, label maps, take notes, connect to external resources, and so much more. The Tablet PC will also



replace notebooks and folders as it will become the students' primary organizational tool and an electronic file for homework, research papers and other class assignments. With the Tablet PC, students can communicate with teachers and also digitally submit assignments from any location with Internet access.

The extensive DPCR campus renovation last fall created the technology infrastructure that supports this wireless learning environment. The Tablet PC program, combined with the college-prep curriculum, highly individualized attention and an engaging and experienced teaching staff, will help DPCR students gain the skills they need to not only thrive in high school, but leave them well-prepared for the rigors of college.

# Why Does DePaul Cristo Rey High School Need My Support?

As we move ever closer to the official opening of DePaul Cristo Rey, financial support from donors of all levels is critical to advancing the mission of the school and making this new education option available to as many families as possible. The following answer questions we are frequently asked regarding tuition, education costs and the need for support.

## What is the tuition and are families able to afford it?

Tuition at DPCR is \$5,000 per student. All families are able to apply for Need-Based Assistance as determined by a third party evaluation of the family's submitted Private School Aid Service form. Most of our students currently enrolled for the 2011-12 academic year have significant economic need – the average tuition collected will actually be \$500-\$1,000 per year.

## Doesn't the money from the Corporate Work Study Program cover this full tuition?

No; Corporate Work Study Program (CWSP) revenue is applied to the full cost of education for a student. As with all private schools, there is a gap between tuition and the actual cost of education.

Corporations pay \$27,000 for a team of four students to work in an entry-level position at their corporate work site. These funds, paid to DePaul Cristo Rey CWSP, are applied to the cost of education which

is \$19,028 per student. Given the economic need of our students, tuition collected and CWSP revenue will not cover the full cost to educate a DePaul Cristo Rey student.

Cost to educate a student:	\$ 19,028
Average actual tuition collected:	- \$ 1,000
Corporate Work Study earnings:	- \$ <u>6,750</u>
Gap per student	\$11,278

## Are there other scholarships available for DPCR students?

Students attending Catholic Inner-city Schools (CISE) may be eligible for CISE scholarships ranging between \$1,000 and \$2,000 annually. A family who qualifies for an Ohio EdChoice Scholarship of \$5,000 can completely offset a student's tuition. However, due to current legislative restrictions, our first class of students is ineligible to apply for Ohio EdChoice vouchers.

Your charitable gifts provide needed scholarship support and make a difference in our ability to provide a quality college preparatory high school education to an underserved population of young people. Help us open the doors of opportunity for these deserving young men and women – make a gift of scholarship support to DePaul Cristo Rey High School. To learn more, please contact Development Director Norah Mock at 861-0600 or [norah.mock@depaulcristorey.org](mailto:norah.mock@depaulcristorey.org).

"At Cristo Rey the teachers build relationships with students; it becomes like a second home. And my co-workers at my Corporate Work Study positions became mentors and pushed me to go to college."

— Roxanna, Xavier University student and graduate of Cristo Rey Jesuit High School in Chicago



## Looking Ahead...

The coming weeks will be busy as DePaul Cristo Rey High School anticipates the dedication of the school and the arrival of the first students.

### **Sunday, June 5**

#### **Dedication and Blessing of School, 3:00 p.m.**

*Following a prayer service, Cincinnati Archbishop Daniel Pilarczyk will bless the DePaul Cristo Rey buildings and grounds. A ribbon-cutting ceremony, campus tours and dessert reception will follow.*

Please RSVP by May 27 to  
[dedication.rsvp@depaulcristorey.org](mailto:dedication.rsvp@depaulcristorey.org)

### **Monday, June 13**

DePaul Cristo Rey's first class arrives for the start of the Academic Bridge Program and CORE (Corporate Office Readiness Enrichment) training.

### **August 1-12**

CORE Training

### **Wednesday, August 17**

First day of Classes



*Pictured above: Graduates from the Cristo Rey school in Cleveland, St. Martin de Porres, shared their experiences with DPCR board members and their guests at an event in April. These students are currently studying at Miami University.*



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