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Dear Parish and School leaders,

Peace of our Lord be with each of you!

Catholic education is a bright light and beacon of hope for our future. Grounding students in our faith, while helping them develop a deeper relationship with Christ is the essence of Catholic education — and of the mission Christ gave to each of us. It is with great appreciation for the gift of Catholic education that we welcome Cristo Rey Jesuit High School to the Archdiocese of Seattle.

Cristo Rey is a national Catholic network of high schools that integrates academics with professional experience through a Corporate Work Study Program. Sponsored by Jesuits West, this Cristo Rey school will be the 40th such school in the United States, with the goal of welcoming its first class in 2024.

Currently, Cristo Rey Jesuit is working closely with St. Paul Parish in Seattle to repurpose the parish school building for this new high school — a great example of our Catholic Real Estate Initiative in action, which aims to better utilize properties to further the mission of the Church.

Meanwhile, Cristo Rey Jesuit is expanding its Work Study Program by adding new corporate sponsors to join local companies, including Microsoft, Amazon, T-Mobile, Costco, Premera Blue Cross, Accenture, JLL, Expeditors, First Republic, Seattle Bank and many more. In addition to meeting rigorous academic standards, Cristo Rey Jesuit students will spend one day a week at entry-level, professional jobs all four years of high school.

We are also pleased to welcome Cristo Rey Jesuit's new president, Paul Hogan, to the Catholic Schools family in the Archdiocese of Seattle. Paul brings extensive experience, with 28 years at Jesuit High School in Portland, including a decade as principal.

We are grateful that Cristo Rey Jesuit will form students to reach their full potential, and through Catholic education, gain access to meaningful and dignified employment while increasing their future opportunities. We ask that you pray for this new school — and please know of our continued prayers you and for the vitality of all our Catholic schools.

In the Heart of Christ,

Most Rev. Paul D. Etienne, DD, STL
Archbishop of Seattle

Faithfully,

Nicholas Ford
Superintendent for Catholic Schools