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Father Foley Submits Resignation

He often refers to this neighborhood – the corner of Wolcott and Cermak – as a beacon of hope for the immigrant community on Chicago's near southwest side. John P. Foley, S.J., Founding President of Cristo Rey Jesuit High School, was instrumental in creating this new model for center-city education where he has been the leader since the idea was conceived on paper, to the opening of its doors in 1996, to the present with a new campus and a student body of nearly 500. After nearly ten years at the helm, Fr. Foley has submitted his letter of resignation to the Board of Trustees and plans to step down sometime this summer.

Fr. Foley's charismatic personality and infectious energy have helped raise support and awareness for Cristo Rey not only here in the Chicago area, but also across the country. Locally, Cristo Rey partners with over 90 businesses for the school's Corporate Internship Program, has raised nearly \$30 million to provide the school with a striking new infrastructure, and sent 82% of graduates onto college. If that were not enough to keep Fr. Foley busy, he has also played a key role in opening ten Cristo Rey replications across the country. Fr. Foley is the Chair of the Board of the Cristo Rey Network, the newly formed organization leading the effort to spread this model nationwide.

Fr. Foley is intent on making a quiet departure from Cristo Rey. As he describes it, "This is not about me. It is about the many students who have benefited and will continue to benefit from this incredible model. It is about the many talented friends, supporters, and staff who give so much to make it work." The Board of Trustees has established a Search Committee of current and past Members who are casting a net across the nation. A timeline has been established and Paul Purcell, the Chairman of Cristo Rey's Board, plans to make an announcement sometime this summer.

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John P. Foley, S.J. presiding at Mass in a little village in Piura, Peru!

John P. Foley, S.J., entered the Jesuits after his first year at Georgetown University and went on to complete his studies at the Jesuit Novitiate in Milford, OH; shortly thereafter, he volunteered to move to Peru as a Jesuit missionary. Fr. Foley spent 34 years in various regions of Peru in secondary education. He was President of Colegio Cristo Rey in Tacna, Peru and Colegio San Ignacio de Loyola in Piura, Peru.

In 1993, Fr. Foley was asked to return to the United States to participate in a project to support the immigrant, Mexican community on Chicago's southwest side. Fr. Foley was essentially "on loan" from the Peru province to the Chicago Province of Jesuits for five years. At the time of his return, it was agreed upon that secondary education was the greatest educational need for this community, but where exactly it would be and how it would be financed was unknown. Fr. Foley worked with a team of Jesuits and lay collaborators to create, what is today, Cristo Rey Jesuit High School. Now, ten years later, Fr. Foley is still in Chicago and continues as excited about the project as the day he started. "This thing is the work of the Holy Spirit. Every high, every new triumph, every success, you can see the hand of the Lord at work." Based on the success of this model and the national replication of Cristo Rey, the Jesuits agreed that Fr. Foley's return to Peru would be delayed indefinitely.

This journey is not over for Cristo Rey's Founding President. Fr. Foley has accepted a position to be the President of the Cristo Rey Network to continue promoting the model he helped to establish. In his new role, Fr. Foley will lead the national replication of the Cristo Rey-type schools.

Stay tuned for the next Viva Newsletter for more on Fr. Foley and his work at Cristo Rey.

Making a Difference: Madison Dearborn Partners & Marsh USA, Inc.

Once again, Madison Dearborn Partners (MDP) and Marsh USA, Inc. have demonstrated their strong commitment and enthusiasm for Cristo Rey's innovative and exciting work—study program as ¡VIVA! Event Sponsors. For the third consecutive year, MDP was Title Sponsor of the Seventh Annual ¡VIVA! Event held on May 6th, 2004 and Marsh USA, Inc. was Event Underwriter for the second year.

MDP and Marsh USA, Inc. are proud sponsors of the ¡VIVA! Event, and they also participate in the Corporate Internship Program. Since 1999, MDP has sponsored four students each year while Marsh USA, Inc. has been a sponsor of four students since 2001—and this year Marsh USA, Inc. decided to sponsor 4 more students for a total of eight each year. Combined, both companies have employed a total of 36 students—that is 36 students who, because of the generosity and commitment of these two companies, are able to pay for 72 percent of the cost of a college preparatory education!

Still, about half of Cristo Rey's students have difficulty paying the remaining 28 percent (or \$2,400) of their education and need financial assistance. It was just eight years ago that a group of young professionals decided to organize a fundraising event where all the proceeds would provide student scholarships; ¡VIVA! was born.

Our talented and dedicated ¡VIVA! Event Committee combined with the support of our partners MDP and Marsh USA, Inc. ensured that the ¡VIVA! Event was again a success. Tim Sullivan, Managing Director at Madison Dearborn Partners, said, "MDP is delighted to once again be the Title Sponsor of the ¡VIVA! Event. The Cristo Rey students who work in our office continue to impress us with their hard work and dedication, and we are proud to make a college preparatory education accessible to them by supporting the innovative work study program and the ¡VIVA! Event."



The Cristo Rey Ballet Folklorico dancers wowed the crowd again with their performance at the 2004 ¡VIVA! Scholarship Fundraiser

Nancy Ague, head of the Marsh USA, Inc. Chicago office, said, "We are pleased to support Cristo Rey once again through the ¡VIVA! Event, along with our participation in the Corporate Internship Program, which allows students to experience a business environment first-hand, and to contribute positively to Marsh's results. A healthy business community requires an educated workforce. A healthy society requires an educated citizenry. The scholarships and financial assistance supported by the ¡VIVA! Event help us work together to achieve both. "

Retired? Eager to "give something back?" The Ignatian Lay Volunteer Corps

is accepting volunteers (age 50+) to work with the materially poor in the Chicagoland area two days a week and reflect and pray on that experience in the Ignatian tradition, beginning September 2004. For information contact George Sullivan at 312.845.3741 or gsullivan@ilvc.org. Or the ILVC National Office at (toll-free) 888.831.4686 or view the web site at www.ilvc.org.

New CIP Sponsors Support 16 Students!

Great things are happening at Cristo Rey, and corporations are taking notice. Cristo Rey recently announced that Archipelago and The University of Chicago Hospitals have joined their growing list of Corporate Sponsors by agreeing to fund a team of eight students each.

Founded in 1996, Archipelago has built an organization to make trading on the open markets more efficient and competitive. Using innovative technology, in 2000 Archipelago became the first totally open electronic stock market in the United States and in 2003 became the first totally open electronic exchange to trade on all NYSE, AMEX, PCX, and OTC listed securities. Archipelago has taken a leadership role in the Electronic Communications Networks by offering an alternative to traditional market centers with the advantages of their open limit, anonymous order book.

The University of Chicago Hospitals, located in Hyde Park, is one of the premier hospitals in the country, and has been at the forefront of medicine for over 75 years. *U.S. News & World Report* named them to the Honor Roll of America's Best Hospitals, the *only* hospital in Illinois to receive this honor. Cristo Rey students have been placed in their Occupational Medicine department and their Concierge Office.

Cristo Rey realizes the invaluable work experience students will gain by working at two of Chicago's prestigious and well-respected organizations.

Seniors Work Experience Prepares them for College

Yesenia Rocha is a senior who has worked at four different companies during her four years here at Cristo Rey, but since her freshman year she has always wanted to work at Loyola University Health Systems (LUHS). Freshman year she began at The John Buck Company; sophomore year she worked at Mepco, and her junior year at Mercy Hospital. While she thoroughly enjoyed these work sites, her senior year she got her wish—a job at LUHS.

They say that good things come to those who wait and Yesenia might just agree as LUHS has been her favorite job. She plans on becoming a general surgeon and her supervisors at LUHS not only support this decision but encourage it. When Yesenia told her supervisors she planned on going to medical school, they bumped her up from the file room in the Radiology Department to the Operating Room, where she actually stands in on surgery. The surgeons not only allow her to scrub up and observe their surgeries, they also explain each part of the procedure to her.

Through her work experience, Yesenia has learned to work with many types of people, communicate well with her supervisors, and most importantly, she has learned to value her education. Working has also made her appreciate her parents more because, as she says, "I see what they go through to pay for the other portion of my education and it makes me want to do my best and be good in school."

Yesenia will enter Loyola University in the Fall.

Simon Guillen has learned a lot not only in the classroom, but outside of it too during his four years here at Cristo Rey. He has worked at three different jobs: St. Procopius Elementary, First American Bank, and Loyola University Health System (LUHS). His favorite job was his first—St. Procopius he says because "...it was the beginning. They taught me how to be a more responsible person. I learned how to prioritize, and to balance school and work."

Although St. Procopius was his favorite job, he has learned valuable lessons at each job, lessons he feels he would not have learned at a part-time job after school. For instance, he likes working at LUHS because it allows him to meet and interact with a lot of people which has "taught me better communication skills, organizational skills, and given me more confidence."

Working in the corporate world has also helped Simon figure out that he definitely does not want to have a desk job; instead, he has decided to obtain a degree in Information Technology so that he can work with his hands and fix computers. "You use technology for everything, and I can really contribute by working in that field."

Upon graduation, Simon will take with him the Jesuit characteristics he has learned at Cristo Rey. He plans on coming back to the Pilsen community during college and after to give back through community service. He has been accepted to Robert Morris College.

Students Hit the Campaign Trail

In January, five Cristo Rey students headed to New Hampshire for a five day, all expenses paid trip sponsored by the MIKVA Foundation where they witnessed and participated in the New Hampshire Presidential primaries.

The MIKVA Foundation believes the best way for young people to learn civics is to actively participate in the democratic process. MIKVA provides opportunities for students to campaign on a local and national level. Cristo Rey was one of 15 schools to send students to New Hampshire.

Each student chose who they wanted to campaign for during their stay in New Hampshire—two chose to work for Howard Dean, two for Sen. John Kerry, and one for Dennis Kucinich. Seniors Jose Carreon and Alden Matamoros chose to work for the Kerry Campaign. Carreon was the visibility captain. He and Matamoros canvassed the New Hampshire suburbs for Sen. Kerry. During their stay, Matamoros and Carreon bumped into Sen. Kerry in their hotel and he briefly thanked them for their campaign efforts.

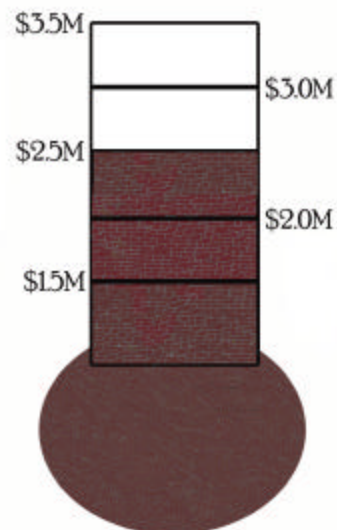


Carreon said this about his experience, "I learned a lot about the political process and how much hard work a candidate puts in to run for office"

Back in Chicago, many of our students worked on Gery Chico and Barack Obama's Senatorial Campaigns by stuffing envelopes, going door-to-door, distributing posters and signs, and phone banking. While all of the students chose to campaign for a Democrat, they are required to participate in a one-day stint on a Republican campaign.

Coleman Foundation Matching Grant

Cristo Rey has currently raised approximately \$2.5 million to match 5:1 with the Coleman Foundation Pledge, yielding \$509,820 in matching dollars. All donations for the matching gift must be received by July 31, 2004 to qualify for the capital matching gift given by The Coleman Foundation.



A Word From Our President John P. Foley, S.J.



Fr. Foley's letter of resignation, dated April 2, 2004, to the Chairman of the Board of Trustees at Cristo Rey Jesuit High School, Paul Purcell

Dear Paul:

I am writing to tell you that Fr. Provincial has approved my request to resign as President of Cristo Rey Jesuit High School. I write to you as Chair of the Board of Cristo Rey so that you and the Board can make the necessary determinations to select my successor. The Board is free to decide how to proceed and to pick a time for transition most convenient for all involved.

At the same time I want to express my profound gratitude to you and the Board for eight years working together in the creation of the most exciting project I have ever been connected with. This was the first time I had ever worked with a Board and although I came to it with a certain amount of skepticism, I have to say that I only found support and encouragement in anything we undertook for the students. Working together since the foundation of the school, I feel we were blessed with more success than anyone ever dared to imagine. It has indeed been a grace-filled experience.

The project is truly the Lord's work and it will continue to prosper with the help of so many enthusiastic, generous and well-intentioned people. The Kingdom of Christ is a little more present here on Chicago's near southwest side

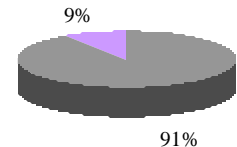
because of what we have all dedicated ourselves to for these past eight years. I am grateful.

Sincerely,
John P. Foley, S.J.
President

REY OF HOPE II CAMPAIGN

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Mission: Cristo Rey Jesuit High School offers a Catholic college preparatory education for the immigrant families of Chicago's near southwest side.
Vision: The reason for the school's existence is to advance the human and intellectual capacities, as well as the religious and cultural heritage, of all those it serves. The goal is to maximize the students' potential to prepare them to assume leadership roles in the civic, religious, professional and cultural life of our city and nation. The hope is that all the graduates reflect these characteristics: open to growth, religious, intellectually competent, loving, committed to justice and work experienced.
Means: The means to accomplish this goal is to offer a Jesuit education through a dual-language curriculum and participation in the Corporate Internship Program.