

January 12, 2012

Dear Members of the Cristo Rey Jesuit High School community,

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and the Presidential Search Committee, I am thrilled to announce that at a special meeting of the Board, Antonio Ortiz was elected as the 3rd President of Cristo Rey Jesuit High School, effective June 25th, 2012.

Since early fall when Fr. Jim Gartland, SJ announced he would be leaving at the end of this academic year, the Board and Search Committee's primary goal has been to find the best possible person to continue the excellent work being done by Fr. Gartland and the rest of the Cristo Rey team to continue making a college prep education and outstanding religious formation a reality for the students and families that Cristo Rey serves. We are confident that Tony Ortiz is that person.

Tony is very familiar with Cristo Rey and Catholic education. A native of El Paso, Texas, Tony attended Catholic grade school and high school there before heading to the University of Notre Dame. While at Notre Dame, Tony received his bachelors in Business Administration with a concentration in Public Policy and later his Masters of Education, which was granted in conjunction with the Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) program. As part of the ACE program, Tony taught at a Catholic grade school in the border town of Edinburg, Texas for two years.

Tony knows Cristo Rey, its faculty and its community well from his ten years of service at Cristo Rey from 2000 to 2010 where his responsibilities included time as both Director of Foundation and Corporate Relations and as Associate Principal. While at Cristo Rey, Tony also earned his MBA from Loyola University Chicago and graduated from the JSEA Seminars in Ignatian Leadership. From 2010 until now, Tony has been at the Big Shoulders Fund serving as Director of Partnerships and Outreach. He is excited about returning to what he views as an extremely special place, both for the students and families, as well as those who work to fulfill the mission of Cristo Rey. He is truly inspired by those who will work with him at Cristo Rey, and excited about rejoining the team.

Tony's experience also includes current and past service on several relevant boards, including the University of Notre Dame Board of Trustees, the Institute for Latino Studies Advisory Board, The Resurrection Project Board, and others. Most recently, Tony was accepted as a fellow in the highly selective Leadership Greater Chicago program.

Tony and his wife Brenda have two children – Gabriela and Antonio – and their

daughter is enrolled at St. Agnes Catholic School. Together, they have grown in their faith by taking advantage of various opportunities such as participating in the Ignatian Pilgrimage through Spain and Rome, visiting the spiritually formative sites in the life of St. Ignatius, as well as baptizing their son in the newly renovated Chapel of the Sacred Heart at Cristo Rey.

Please join me in welcoming Tony to the presidency of Cristo Rey Jesuit High School and praying for his success in working with the outstanding existing leadership team to continue the great work that is happening at Cristo Rey. I hope that you will continue your generous support of this remarkable mission.

I would like to thank Fr. Tim Kesicki, SJ, Provincial of the Chicago-Detroit Province and his staff for their support during our search as well as for their continued strong support for the mission of Cristo Rey. I would also like to thank our faculty, under the leadership of our Principal, Pat Garrity, for their outstanding commitment to the mission of Cristo Rey. They make a huge difference in the lives of our families and students.

Cristo Rey is extremely fortunate to have enjoyed the leadership of Fr. Jim Gartland over the past eight years. His impact on the school, its students, parents, alums, and faculty will be felt for many years to come. All of us who got the chance to work with Jim are grateful for the experience and thank him for his selfless service. We wish him the best in his new role as Rector of the Jesuit community at the Jesuit Seminary at Boston College.

Sincerely,

Christopher J Perry
Chairman