



Archdiocese of San Antonio Hope for the Future Office

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Archbishop José H. Gomez Unveils the Good Shepherd Network of Catholic Schools

In a final show of unyielding support for Catholic schools in San Antonio, Archbishop José H. Gomez launched the Good Shepherd Network of Catholic Schools, on Tuesday, May 18, 2010, just days before his departure to Los Angeles. The Network concept was the product of the leadership and vision of Auxiliary Bishop Oscar Cantú and Catholic School Superintendent Patricia Davis.

The Network schools are those most in need in the Archdiocese of San Antonio including: St. Philip of Jesus, St. Margaret Mary, St. Leo the Great, St. Cecilia, St. James the Apostle, St. Paul, St. Benedict, St. John Berchmans, St. Mary Magdalen, Holy Name, and St. Gerard High School.

Governance and administration at these schools will shift to the Good Shepherd Board of Governors and the newly appointed director, Michael J. Moretta. Mr. Moretta has a long history of creating an inner-city network of schools with full support of community sponsors. “These leaders in business, education and pastoral ministry, will serve as a board of decision makers, under the authority of the Archbishop, to help build and execute strategic plans to reach the goals of the Network,” said Patricia Davis.

The charter Board members are Steve Edlund, President of International Bank of Commerce, which is a Sponsor of St. Leo the Great School; Harvey Najim, founder of Sirius Computer Solutions and The Harvey E. Najim Family Foundation; Father Marty Elsner, S.J., Pastor Emeritus of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, San Antonio, and longtime supporter of inner-city Catholic schools; Father Richard Wosman, S.M., Director of the Catholic School Leadership Program at St. Mary’s University; Jane Macon, partner with Fulbright and Jaworski; Michael Belz, President of Catholic Life Insurance, which has contributed almost a million dollars to Catholic schools in the last 3 years; Dr. Lorraine Barnes, a pediatrician at Christus Santa Rosa Children’s Hospital; Robert Aguirre, former executive with the CEO Foundation whose efforts made school choice possible for thousands of children from 1998-2008; and Lionel Sosa, partner in the marketing firm of Sosa & Sosa Consultation. Pastors from parishes in the Network will serve on the board on a rotating basis.

Hope for the Future continues to assist students and fund special projects all aimed at enhancing the educational experience for all San Antonio Catholic school students and those in our outlying communities. Some of the projects funded include the International Baccalaureate curriculum, a school intercom system and a preschool program.

To sponsor a student or a school or to donate to the Good Shepherd Network of Schools contact Julie Seguin at (210) 734-1907 or at julie.seguin@archsa.org.