

## **STRATEGIC PLAN OVERVIEW SEPTEMBER 2009 REVISION**

Our Lady of Victories School Advisory Council respectfully submits the following report. The history of 120 years of Catholic School tradition is a consistent reference point that runs through each area that follows. There has never been an Our Lady of Victories Parish without a Catholic School. Indeed this is a parish community today that is as dedicated to maintaining a Catholic School as was the first congregation back in 1889; who opened the first classrooms just weeks after Our Lady of Victories' dedication as a Parish.

With this rich and unshakable tradition, the Council, with optimism, has considered in its Report the varied problems and obstacles that face Catholic Schools in general and Our Lady of Victories in particular. Included in these obstacles are the current economic climate and influx of different cultures and religions into the area we service.

The challenges we encounter today and those which we foresee for the coming years are, however, neither formidable nor overriding. They are, in the eyes of the Council simply challenges; in response to which we set out within our report the specific means by which we plan to meet and continue to prosper the Catholic School Tradition which we deem vital to our Mother the Church.

Consistent throughout the various areas of our report is an emphasis on the role of marketing and exposure. Our study has led us to conclude that we need to educate our own Catholic population as well as members of the general community and other faith denominations of the Spiritual advantages of, and the dedication to Academic Excellence that is, our Catholic School. We have a great product in a faculty and setting that fosters academic and spiritual growth as well as individual discipline and esteem. We only need to “Ring our own Bell.”

We trust that the following report, (which we deem only to be the beginning of a work in progress-not a final effort in any respects) will be found to be deserving of the effort expended and an effective tool towards the preservation and growth of the most vital mission of Christ’s Church – “Let the Children come to me.”