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Dear Nativity Worcester Community Members,

For the past two years I have had the privilege of chairing the Board of Trustees for the Nativity School of Worcester. During that time, I have developed a new appreciation for the deep and transformative impact our school is having on our students, their families, the people who work here and those who provide their generous support. Last June as I sat amongst the Nativity families at graduation for the Campion Class of 2012, it was wonderful to hear about all that each student accomplished over their four years, and how they saw their peers not just as classmates, but as brothers. The bond that is formed here at Nativity Worcester is so very rare on a junior high school level. As I looked around, I saw some of our first alumni sitting together—graduates who are now in high school and college—and I more fully understood that the relationships formed here are truly long-lasting and life-altering. To all those who read these words and who have supported the school in some way these observations were only possible because of you. On behalf of Nativity Worcester you have our collective and sincere thanks.

Just 11 years ago the school existed only as an idea. Now going into our tenth academic year, this school is a tribute and a testament to the vision of a few, and the commitment of so many more. Nativity School of Worcester has had, and continues to have an impact beyond the 86 graduates and 58 middle school students that we serve, at its core, it is a school that exists to serve the underserved of the City of Worcester, and to make a promise that the Nativity Worcester experience will be one that will forever change the lives of those who believe in it.

I am pleased to report that Nativity Worcester is in strong shape as an institution. We have stable and mature leadership in place that is executing well on a daily basis. Alex Zequeira has had an excellent first year serving as President. He is passionate about the job, and is serious-minded about his responsibilities in the development of our Nativity Men. He cares deeply about each and every student, faculty member, and staff member and is committed to ensuring that they learn and grow as a person during their experience at Nativity Worcester. In conversation, he continually praises the work of his administrative team, faculty, and Fellows, and I would like to thank them for all of the work they put into making this school run smoothly. Our student body is a wonderful group of boys. Over the course of their time at Nativity Worcester, these boys will be transformed into Nativity Men. They will learn the importance of scholarship, character, strength and service—our four pillars, and will develop their young minds with a lifelong dedication to learning.

As a supporter of Nativity School of Worcester, I hope that you take as much pride in this school and community as I do. Your commitment has an effect here that you may never fully see, but I hope that you understand that we are all truly grateful for your support, and the impact that it has on the boys, families, faculty, Board members, and other supporters of this school. If you haven’t already, I hope that you stop by 67 Lincoln Street someday soon to witness what is being accomplished — all are welcome.

Sincerely,

Chairman, Board of Trustees

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With immense gratitude,

Alex Zequeira

President

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Family and friends joined the 10 members of the Edmund Campion Class of 2012 on Friday, June 8 to celebrate their graduation from Nativity School of Worcester.

Student speaker, Born Taylor, and community speaker, Yachira Torres spoke to the audience assembled in the school’s gymnasium. Christopher Daviau received the Nativity Spirit Award celebrating his commitment to Nativity Worcester’s four pillars of strength, scholarship, character, and service through his four years at the school.

Congratulations!

Together, the Campion Class of 2012 earned over $98,000 in scholarships and financial aid awards from the high schools where they enrolled.

Reflection from a Graduate
By Juan Beato-Lopez

Nativity School of Worcester – Ignatius Class of 2006
Saint John's High School – Class of 2010
Providence College – Class of 2014

My name is Juaner Beato-Lopez and this a reflection about my life and the impact the Nativity School of Worcester has made in it. I was born and raised in the Dominican Republic, in a country filled with violence and poverty and opportunities are scarce. The people in the Dominican Republic are in desperate need of a change. I grew up with a single mother, who worked extremely hard to put food on the table and who gave me an opportunity to succeed. Although living in destitute conditions, living in the Dominican Republic did give me the motivation and the strength of character to persevere in life.

When I moved to the United States, my life completely changed. For me, moving was a remarkable change that filled me with new hopes and dreams. After settling in Worcester, my family enrolled me at the neighborhood elementary school. It was enduring challenge having to adapt to a new language and new school system and my grades suffered. After a few years, my life seemed that was going to take on the shape of many regular inner city kids. I would attend middle school, then high school, and then look for a job. At the time, the idea of attending college didn’t even cross my mind, and even if it had I wouldn’t have thought that it was possible.

Everything changed in the summer of 2003, when my mother decided to make a change and enroll me as a sixth-grader at Nativity School of Worcester. Nativity School of Worcester completely changed my motives and my passion for school. I went from struggling in class to receiving excellent grades at Nativity Worcester. Nativity School of Worcester shaped me into a young man, who was prepared to take on the challenges of high school. I graduated from Nativity Worcester as a member of the Ignatius Class of 2006, and decided to attend Saint John’s High School in Shrewsbury, where “in harmony small in things grow”. While there, I continued to put into practice all that I had learned from the teachers at Nativity Worcester, and became a young adult who was prepared to take the challenge of college. I am currently a junior at Providence College, majoring in Psychology and double minor in both Sociology and Spanish.

Nativity School of Worcester gave me this opportunity and without their constant help, I couldn’t see myself where I am today. Nativity Worcester gave me core values as student - to strive and to always try my best in order to reach my zenith. Most importantly, Nativity Worcester has given me the core values as a person to always give back and support the community.
### Presidents of Nativity Worcester

- **Joanne McClatchy** — 2002-2006
- **Matthew Brunell, Esq.** — 2006-2011
- **Alex Zequeira** — 2011-present

### Principals of Nativity Worcester

- **Alex Zequeira** — 2003-2004
- **J. Michael Steele** — 2005-2006
- **David Roach** — 2007-2009
- **Sean Dillon** — 2009-present

### Nativity School of Worcester Traditions

- **Family Potluck Dinner**: First ~ Dec. 19, 2003
- **Spring Auction Night**: First ~ May 31, 2006
- **Winter Arts Night**: First ~ Feb. 7, 2004
- **Spring Arts Night**: First ~ June 2, 2004
- **First Friday Mass**: First ~ 2006
- **8th Grade Trip to Washington D.C.**: First ~ June 2006
- **Mass of the Holy Spirit**: First ~ Sept. 7, 2007

### Important Dates

- **November 8, 2002**: Nativity Worcester hires faculty and first group of Nativity Fellows
- **August 26, 2003**: First Day of School
- **December 11, 2003**: First athletic team victory, defeating St. Mary’s School (Worcester) 38-7 in basketball
- **JUNE 16, 2006**: First Graduation Ceremony
- **December 13, 2008**: Nativity Worcester raises $1 million for operating costs for the first time
- **January 5, 2009**: First Day of Classes at the school’s new location
- **August 2010**: First graduates enter college
- **December 2, 2010**: Nativity Worcester is formally accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC)
- **April 10, 2012**: Nativity Worcester is honored at the Jesuit GALA with the Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam Award
- **November 8, 2012**: Dedication of the Rev. Michael C. McFarland, S.J. Science Laboratory generously donated by the Mosakowski Family Foundation

### Additional Events

- **MAY 5, 2004**: First performance of all-school choir
- **JULY 2003**: Nativity Worcester hires faculty and first group of Nativity Fellows
- **OCTOBER 8, 2003**: Blessing of the first school building at All Saints Church
- **November 8, 2002**: With support from the College of the Holy Cross and the New England Province of Jesuits, Nativity School of Worcester is officially incorporated
- **August 2005**: An eighth-grade class is added, bringing the school to an enrollment of 52 students
- **August 2006**: Office of Graduate Support is established and begins providing services to the school’s first graduates entering high school
- **October 9, 2008**: Board of Trustees purchases a new school building, the former location for Girls Inc. of Worcester
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- **January 27, 2009**: Blessing of the school building at 67 Lincoln Street
- **August 2012**: Community Cook-out kicks off 10th Anniversary Celebration
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### Share Your Thoughts

Send your thoughts and memories to pmaloney@nativityworcester.org
Good evening ladies and gentlemen. It is my pleasure to welcome friends, families, classmates, teachers, and the extended Nativity community to the Campion Class Graduation ceremony. My name is Born Taylor, and I have been given the opportunity to speak on this auspicious occasion as my classmates and I take the big step from middle school to high school and bid a fond farewell to the institution that has been our home for the past four years.

All of you who sit before me today have stood by the Campion Class through the good times and bad. You have watched, encouraged, guided, and inspired the ten young men whom sit before you today. And now, you are here with us, the best network of supporters a young man could hope for, as we look towards high school, college, and whatever else the future may have in store for us.

I want to tell you all a story. Picture this: ten boys walking into the Nativity School on a hot, August morning for the first day of school. The are wide-eyed and unsure, trying to figure out the role they will play in this new environment. All of them are short and uncomfortable in their white shirts and purple ties, not sure which classmates will be friendly or cruel, not sure whether to laugh or hide when one of their peers gets a detention.

Now, I want you to picture this as well: a boy, youngest of the group, who seems to be more confused than the others about where he will fit in and how he will survive in this new school. He goes through various phases and changes in his first year at the Nativity School. At times he is the quiet one who sits in the corner of the classroom, neither answering nor asking questions. At others, he is the troublemaker in the class who speaks when he is not supposed to, and when punished flips over desks in anger. He’s also an emotional little guy when he is sent to the principal’s office. He cries for hours on end thinking about how his mother could punish him in the cruelest ways. Now, standing here before all of you today as the Campion Class graduates, I can say that that little boy was me. But now, when I look at myself, and look out at my classmates, I see something different from a group of timid little boys. I see young men, and even more than that: I see brotherhood.

Where did this brotherhood come from? Well, throughout the three or four years we have been attending the Nativity School of Worcester, the Campion Class has been notorious for our many antics. From those as small as our contagious laughs to that rumor of the boy who opened or need to get a couple points up in a basketball game. It could be argued that we aren’t so good at scrubbing sharpie ink off of the floor (please don’t bring this up in front of Mr. Kent), but that’s beside the point. The Campion Class is strong. We can fend off any discrimination and stand back up, ready to fight again.

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We may all be heading on different paths as we move on to high school, but, that will not change the ways that we greet one another. We will always be together. We will always be a family. We will always be the Campion Class.

Second, we don’t say “I quit” because we are too proud to quit, and though many may see this as a flaw or our downfall, I would argue that this is one of our greatest strengths.

The fact that we don’t quit has defined many of the other experiences we have had at Nativity. The members of the Campion Class show a great deal of scholarship, or studium, in our own ways. Across classes, we are aware of the individual strengths of each of our classmates, and use these to construct something better than we possibly could have built alone.

We also leave a legacy of strength, or vires, at the Nativity School. We’re the ones to call when you need a tough pickle jar to be opened or need to get a couple points up in a basketball game. It could be argued that we aren’t so good at scrubbing sharpie ink off of the floor (please don’t bring this up in front of Mr. Kent), but that’s beside the point. The Campion Class is strong. We can fend off any discrimination and stand back up, ready to fight again.

But if you ask me, it all goes back to something I want to call the hidden pillar. This fifth pillar props up all Nativity students, and even the faculty, that pass through the halls of the school. This is the pillar of brotherhood. All classes, I have seen, carry this brotherhood. But the Campion Class has really drawn on this pillar, and I myself can tell you about the powerful bond of the Campion Class. This bond we have formed will go beyond the days we spent together in the classroom. These bonds are the kind that cannot be faked or manufactured. They are the bonds of compassion and character that come from years of growing together, working to better ourselves, working to better each other, and working to better the world around us.

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I would like to send out a general thanks to the Nativity faculty, those whom are still present and those whom have moved on from Nativity’s doors. Thanks to Mr. Brunell, Mr. Zequeira, Mr. Dillon, Mr. Roach, Father Smith, and Father Fagan for being the foundation of this amazing school. Thanks to the all of the teach-ers who have worked us, day in and day out, especially to Mr. Thimmiah for teaching me that the Quadratic formula isn’t so hard after a second look. And lastly, for the Nativity donors who have helped us raise the funds to go on the many trips for both the Campion Class and the other classes.

Now, a personal thanks to my family, particularly my mom, who has stood beside me and kept her cool through the demerits and the detentions. Then to Father Smith, who had introduced my mother to the school in the first place and given me the chance for a better education.

Thank you.
During Nativity Worcester’s Summer of Service, students take language arts and mathematics classes in the morning and spend the afternoons partaking in hands-on community service. During the Summer of Service 2012, fifth-, sixth-, and seventh-graders performed community service at three different sites in mixed-grade groups each site focused on a specific service area. The first group focused on learning about efforts to eliminate the threat of lead poisoning in the city of Worcester. These students did their service with Worcester Roots. The second group focused on stewardship in the community, and visited Emmanuel Village, a low-income senior housing facility in the Quinsigamond Village neighborhood of Worcester. The third group learned about the environment and sustainability. They performed their service with the Community Harvest Project, doing work off-site as well as working to construct a community garden at Nativity Worcester.

For the fourth consecutive year, the eighth-grade students had the opportunity to work on the Youth Philanthropy Initiative. Students working on this project visited a variety of service sites in Worcester and formulated their opinions of the most beneficial sites for the people within Worcester. The students then debated as a foundation board, to disburse $5,000 of Youth Philanthropy grant funds to these organizations. This year, the students worked specifically with; ARTSWorcester, Crozier House, Mercy Centre, Animal Rescue League of Worcester, Rose Monahan Hospice Center, and Worcester Children’s Friend. Over the course of July, Nativity Worcester community members completed over 1,600 hours of service in the greater Worcester community.

"A life is not important except in the impact it has on other lives."
- Jackie Robinson
We are truly grateful to the following individuals, organizations, corporations, and charitable foundations for contributions to Nativity School of Worcester during fiscal year 2012 (July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2012). We have made every effort to include all of those who have contributed during this time period. We sincerely regret and would like to know about any inadvertent omissions or errors. Without all of you and your generous support, we would not be able to transform the lives of our students, faculty, staff, and community members. Thank you!

Highlights during the 2012 Nativity Fund Year

• A record breaking $1,202,939 was given to the Fund.

Students and faculty performed outstanding work during fiscal year 2012 in Worcester during the Summer of Service in July.

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Volunteer Reflection

Patti Verderese

I first learned about Nativity when I attended a workshop on non-profit leadership at the Greater Worcester Community Foundation. One of the presenters was Chick Weiss. His topic was board leadership and management and was very timely for me as I had recently become president of a non-profit board. He had a lot of expertise to share with the group. During his presentation, he spoke about Nativity which was in the process of buying its current building. My interest in the School was piqued when he told us the School had to raise all the tuition, teacher and administration salaries, and operation expenses each year which was well over a million dollars at that time.

I thought to myself that this must be quite a task and that the staff and board at Nativity must be extremely committed to the School’s mission to raise that kind of money each year. In my role as a board member of a non-profit, I know how challenging it is to meet an annual fund goal. I decided to find out if there were any volunteer opportunities at Nativity and called the School to set up an appointment for my husband and me to meet with then President, Matt Brunelle.

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8th Annual Silent Spring Auction Night
Friday, April 5, 2013 - 6:00 p.m.

10th Anniversary Concert with Holy Cross Chamber Singers
Sunday, April 28, 2013 – 5:00 p.m.
at Brooks Concert Hall, College of the Holy Cross

Nativity Worcester Service Day
Friday, May 24, 2013

10th Anniversary Gala
Saturday, October 19, 2013
at Mechanics Hall, Worcester