

Jim Foley to lead new Cristo Rey School

Congratulations to client and friend, Jim Foley, senior partner at Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP law firm, who recently was appointed by Bishop Campbell of the Catholic Diocese of Columbus to become the first president of the new Columbus Cristo Rey School.

Cristo Rey is a nationally recognized model that has worked in 24 other large cities to bring a high-quality Catholic college preparatory education to economically challenged students of all religious backgrounds. The school offers an academically rigorous program and gives its students the tools to succeed in high school and college. An innovative corporate work-study program provides students with the opportunity to pay for most of their education by working in professional job settings. Through those jobs, Cristo Rey students will learn first-hand the value of the education they are receiving and the importance of obtaining a college degree. The school's motto, "learning to work and working to learn" inspires these students to take advantage of this life-changing educational opportunity.

Jim is uniquely qualified to lead the school. He earned a bachelor's degree in theology from the University of Notre Dame in 1974 and a Juris Doctorate degree from Notre Dame in 1977. He and wife, Vicki, have four grown children and three grandchildren and are active members of St. Timothy Parish. From a poor working class family, Jim's own Catholic education was

provided by tuition assistance, so he and Vicki have a passion for seeing that students today and tomorrow will be able to attend an outstanding Catholic college prep high school.

In his acceptance letter, Jim shared the following:

I am humbled to have been given this opportunity to help make this wonderful dream a reality. I am also thankful for the tremendous work and support of the many people who have committed themselves to bring Cristo Rey to Columbus. All of us have much in common with the freshmen who will be coming through the doors of our school, beginning in two years. We are on a journey that will require a lot of hard work and sacrifice. There may be bumps along the way. For us, just like those future freshmen, this school is an opportunity. Having opportunities is certainly better than not having them. But at the end of the day, it is about what we make of those opportunities. All of us, like our students, are going to have to work hard, to persevere, to overcome obstacles, and to give this effort our hearts and souls, our minds, and our hands. I am confident that we will do everything that needs to be done.

We congratulate Jim on this exciting new step in his career and look forward to sharing with our readers the next developments of Cristo Rey Columbus!



Alumnae of St. Martin de Porres Cristo Rey High School of Cleveland (L to R) Tyler Hughley, Savannah Hogan, and Dominique Aaron, pose with Jim Foley and his wife Vicki at a recent event to announce Jim's appointment as the Cristo Rey Columbus President.