

# CRISTO REY COLUMBUS FILLING OUT ITS LEADERSHIP

Jim Foley, the president of Cristo Rey Columbus High School, has announced three key appointments to the school's leadership team.

Dr. Cathy Thomas will join the school as its first principal on July 1. She was the founding principal of Cristo Rey Jesuit High School in Houston and has 12 years of school administrative experience and more than 20 years of teaching experience, primarily in mathematics. The majority of her educational work has been with children from economically challenged families. She is fluent in Spanish.

Thomas received a bachelor of arts degree in mathematics from The College of Wooster, obtained a master's degree in education administration from the University of Texas, and earned a doctorate in curriculum and instruction from the University of Houston.

"I am extremely happy to be able to add to our leadership team a person with the extraordinarily strong academic background and directly relevant work experience that Cathy Thomas brings to the table," Foley said. "Her

extensive education signifies someone who is dedicated to preparing herself to be the most effective educator and principal she can possibly be. The value of her experience at Cristo Rey Jesuit in Houston cannot be overstated."

Cristo Rey Columbus will be the first Cristo Rey high school in the 26-school national Cristo Rey network to open with a principal who already has been the founding principal at another Cristo Rey high school.

Carolyn Flahive will serve as director of the Cristo Rey professional work-study program. Under this program, students work five days each month in a professional setting at law firms, banks, insurance companies, accounting firms, architecture and engineering companies, technology firms, media outlets, and other businesses.

These jobs pay for the majority of the students' tuition and give them exposure to professions they might otherwise never learn about. The work-study experience also helps the students develop excellent work habits and self-confidence.

Flahive is a partner at the Thomson Hine law firm, where she has worked since 2000. Before that, she was involved in marketing and media work. She earned a juris doctorate from Capital University Law School, magna cum laude, and received a bachelor of arts degree from The Ohio State University.

"Carolyn Flahive brings the outstanding background, experience, and business relationships that will enable her to obtain excellent work-study jobs for our students. She will be able to operate the program in a way that greatly benefits both the students and the employers," Foley said. "I am thrilled to be able to add to our team a person of Carolyn's wonderful credentials and passion for our mission."

Foley has selected Joe Saverimuttu to serve as admissions director of Cristo Rey Columbus High School. He will be in charge of the school's recruiting and admissions efforts. Saverimuttu has been admissions director at Christ the King Preparatory High School, a Cristo Rey school in Newark, N.J., for the past two years. Before that, he was the school's associate admissions director and associate work-study director. He also served for one year at Arrupe Je-

suit, a Cristo Rey school in Denver, as a member of the Jesuit Volunteer Corps.

Saverimuttu has bachelor of arts and master's degrees from Wheeling Jesuit University and speaks Spanish. He is looking forward to moving to Columbus, where he has family. "We are blessed to be able to bring on someone who is thoroughly familiar with the recruiting and admissions process in a Cristo Rey setting," Foley said.

Cristo Rey Columbus High School is part of a nationwide network of Catholic college preparatory high schools designed to serve children from low-income families. These schools have been very successful during the past 16 years in taking in disadvantaged students who are two to three years behind academically, graduating them on time, and sending them on to college.

Last year, 97 percent of Cristo Rey seniors graduated from high school, and all of them were accepted by at least one college or university.

Cristo Rey Columbus will open in August, 2013. For more information, visit [www.cristoreycolumbus.org](http://www.cristoreycolumbus.org) or contact Jim Foley at [jfoley@cristoreycolumbus.org](mailto:jfoley@cristoreycolumbus.org).

## *The Diaconate Community Congratulates Deacons and their wives on their Jubilee Wedding Anniversaries*



1957	55 years	Deacon Tom & Mary Alice Johnston Deacon Frank & Ann Ball Deacon Ron & Sue Fondriest
1967	45 years	Deacon Tom & Halina Barford Deacon Al & Linda Cain Deacon Martin & Joanne Davies Deacon Don & Patricia Robers
1972	40 years	Deacon Felix & Melanie Azzola Deacon Joseph & Lilia Checca Deacon John & Mary Crerand Deacon Bob & Patricia Killoren
1977	35 years	Deacon Kenneth & Suzanne Drummer Deacon James & Karen Gorski Deacon-candidate Reed & Thecla Hauser Deacon Kas & Josie Santos
1982	30 years	Deacon-candidate Jack & Kathleen Malone Deacon Michael & Elizabeth Ross Deacon Marion & Carol Smithberger
1987	25 years	Deacon James & Leah Kelly

## A Conversation on Vocations

The Catholic Foundation hosted its third conversation series, with the theme "Vocations in an Age of Choices," on Tuesday, June 5.

Panelists included youth minister Nicole Floekter from Columbus Immaculate Conception Church; Aaron Richards, program director for Catholic Youth Summer Camp and youth minister for Columbus St. Agatha Church; Chuck and JoAnn Wilson, who spoke on raising children as Catholics and the sacrament of marriage; Father Paul Noble, diocesan vocations director; and seminarian Andrew Maynard.

As the speakers shared their stories of how they realized their vocations and what they are doing to foster those vocations, a common thread emerged – the need to focus on raising children in the Catholic faith and nurturing their lives to involve youth ministry.

John Schlater of Columbus St. Patrick Church said that after his children returned from experiencing Catholic Youth Summer Camp, "they were

changed. They couldn't stop talking about God and still haven't."

Father Don Franks of Columbus St. Mary Church commented on the importance of youth ministry in his parish. Maynard said that as a teen, he was involved in his parish's youth ministry, and he still is involved in youth ministry today.

A new Support for Vocations fund opened by The Catholic Foundation will assist organizations that foster discernment and ongoing faith formation related to personal vocations of all kinds, whether to the religious, married, or single life, and for all ages.

Anyone can donate to this fund in any amount. To learn more about the fund, call the Foundation at (614) 443-8893 or visit [www.catholic-foundation.org](http://www.catholic-foundation.org).

The next conversation is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 27, at The Catholic Foundation, 257 E. Broad St., and will feature Msgr. Frank P. Lane speaking on the topic "A Conversation on Parish Life: A Call to Conversion."