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### **GUERIN PREP HIGH SCHOOL LAUNCHES FIRST-EVER CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**

*\$1 million challenge pledge kicks off campaign*

RIVER GROVE, ILL. – March 10, 2008 – With an anonymous \$1 million challenge pledge, Guerin College Preparatory High School launched its first-ever capital campaign, with a fundraising goal of \$2.5 million.

“Straight A: The Campaign for Guerin College Preparatory High School, Building on a Strong Tradition of Catholic Education” will enhance and expand the four core components of Guerin Prep’s mission – academics, athletics, arts and (financial) aid – and will fund projects that make up the first of the school’s three-phase, \$10 million Master Plan.

“We’re extremely gratified by the generous challenge pledge that will match dollar for dollar every gift up to one million dollars,” said Terry John Malik, president of Guerin Prep. “This gift has allowed us to announce the campaign with a solid foundation.”

Campaign projects include:

- a new lobby and gathering area in the revitalized Holy Cross Athletic Center
- new and renovated facilities for athletics, music and photography
- auditorium renovation including new curtains, riggings and seating
- wireless infrastructure expansion
- science lab additions and improvements
- curriculum enhancements for math and science
- an increase in financial aid opportunities

“For 45 years, Guerin Prep has been able to fulfill its mission without a capital campaign, but we believe it’s time to take it to the next level,” said Malik. “We believe we are honoring the traditions of our foundation schools – Mother Theodore Guerin and Holy Cross – not only by enhancing our

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facilities and programs, but by making Catholic education at 80<sup>th</sup> and Belmont accessible to a greater number of students through increased financial assistance.”

Guerin Prep’s long-range Master Plan, adopted by the board of directors in 2007, is divided into three phases. Phase I is the most comprehensive and will be funded through the “Straight A” campaign and by the sale of a portion of land on Guerin Prep’s campus. Phases II and III will continue to advance the science and math curriculum, complete the auditorium renovations to include digitized sound and lighting, provide funds to purchase new classroom furniture and add to the scholarship and financial assistance programs.

“Projects in our Master Plan have already begun. We’ve installed a wireless infrastructure in the building and all freshman and sophomore students use a laptop computer on a daily basis in the classroom,” said Malik. “We hope to begin science lab renovations this summer. Other projects will begin as soon as additional funds are available.”

### **About Guerin Prep**

Guerin College Preparatory High School is a Catholic secondary school dedicated to the education and faith development of young men and women. Under the sponsorship of the Sisters of Providence, the school reflects a mission of love, mercy and justice, where students come to an awareness of God at work in their lives. It was founded as an all-girls school in 1962 and changed its mission to co-education in 2004. Guerin Prep proudly claims both Mother Theodore Guerin and Holy Cross high schools as its foundation schools. Visit [www.guerinprep.org](http://www.guerinprep.org)

***Editors Note: A rendering of Guerin Prep’s proposed building renovation is available. Please email [wkoziol@pciipr.com](mailto:wkoziol@pciipr.com).***

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