



# CRISTO REY KANSAS CITY

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Dear Friends:

As we prepare for our fifth year at Cristo Rey Kansas City, I marvel at the incredible process and the sheer number of hard working individuals who have committed to making our school a reality. At the very beginning, we had no students, only 12 founding staff (mostly nuns, a few NANs (Not-A-Nun), and one man), very little funding, a building in need of renovations and a vision that, with this innovative model of urban education, we could break the cycle of poverty that is so pervasive in the urban core of Kansas City.

While there is much work that lies ahead, we have set a strong foundation on which to build. We have over 350 students enrolled in grades 9-12, an excellent faculty and staff committed to the mission, a sound school building, 120 job sponsors employing Cristo Rey students, a budget in the “black” every year, a fully accredited high school and a community who is well aware and profoundly supportive of our distinct mission.

When I started as President of Cristo Rey Kansas City, I committed to serving at least five years to ensure that a solid, stable foundation was set to carry our fledgling school into the future. Now, confident of the school’s bright future in Kansas City, I have decided this will be my last year at Cristo Rey and, consequently, time to move on to make way for a new school President.

The Board of Directors at Cristo Rey Kansas City has formed a search committee to find Cristo Rey Kansas City’s next president. Information will be posted about the position opening on our website – [www.cristoreykc.org](http://www.cristoreykc.org). The search committee hopes to have a new President selected and announced by the end of this academic year. Please pray for the incredibly important work of the committee as they vet and interview candidates.

In light of this impending transition, we remain focused on the important work of this upcoming academic year. We continue to develop both short and long-term metrics to help us become more responsive to the individual needs of students. I am also excited about hosting the St. Louis Jesuit Concert on September 19, our selection as beneficiary of the Viviano Show on Nov. 20, and a Kansas City Dancing with the Stars that no one will want to miss on March 26 at the Hyatt. There is so much going on at Cristo Rey, and I encourage you to be part of what I know will be another incredible year.

Sincerely,

Sister Vickie Perkins, SCL  
President