

## Christ the King Jesuit College Preparatory School Fact Sheet

### **CTK: A NEW URBAN IDEA**

Opening in 2008, Christ the King Jesuit College Preparatory School is a Catholic Jesuit, independent, coeducational, college preparatory school for students from Chicago's West Side who otherwise would not have access to a private high school education. Using the Cristo Rey model, young men and women will receive a strong academic and spiritual foundation integrated with a corporate internship program in a safe, disciplined, faith-based and nurturing environment in the Austin neighborhood.



### **LOCATION**

Christ the King Jesuit College Prep's permanent location will be 5058 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL 60644. Christ the King will share that campus with Chicago Jesuit Academy, a middle school for boys (although the two schools are independent). Groundbreaking on the permanent building is planned for June 2008. For the 2008-09 school year, CTK will conduct classes at St. Martin de Porres School located at Washington Boulevard and LeClaire Avenue.

### **LEADERSHIP**

Rev. Christopher J. Devron, SJ, President  
Mr. Brendan Conroy, Principal  
Ms. Sonji Cooks, Director of Admissions  
Mr. Darryl Hobson, Director of Work-Study Program/Dean of Students  
Mr. Preston Kendall, Vice President of Corporate Internships  
Sr. Mary Fran McLaughlin, BVM, Development Officer

### **ENROLLMENT**

Christ the King Jesuit College Prep will enroll its first class of 120 freshmen in August 2008 and will add one class each year, with the first class graduating in 2012. Total school enrollment will be 600 students at capacity.

### **HISTORY**

Christ the King Jesuit College Prep will be part of a national urban network of Cristo Rey schools that have won accolades for high rates of graduation and college attendance. The network has a total enrollment of almost 3,000 students nationwide, with 97.8 percent of the 2007 graduates enrolled in a two- or four-year college program. Cristo Rey Jesuit High School, the first Cristo Rey model school, opened in Chicago's Pilsen neighborhood in 1996. (For more information, visit [www.cristoreynetwork.org](http://www.cristoreynetwork.org).)

### **SUCCESSFUL EDUCATION FOUNDATION**

Christ the King is rooted in the centuries-old Jesuit tradition of academic excellence and leadership development. Jesuit schools worldwide invite students to grow in their commitment to faith, service and social justice so they can become "men and women for others." Other Jesuit high schools in the Chicago area include: St. Ignatius College Preparatory School, Loyola Academy and Cristo Rey Jesuit High School. Loyola (Chicago and New Orleans), Gonzaga and Georgetown Universities are examples of Jesuit schools of higher education. The Jesuits have 49 high schools in the U.S. and 28 colleges and universities (For more information, visit [www.jsea.org](http://www.jsea.org).)

### **BUSINESS SUPPORT**

More than 70 area companies have committed to hiring students as interns to fill real jobs through the Corporate Internship Program. Corporate sponsors include law firms, financial and insurance companies, colleges, hospitals and banks. Students will earn roughly 75 percent of their tuition costs while gaining valuable, life-changing skills and experience.