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CRISTO REY BATON ROUGE RENAMED TO FRANCISCAN HIGH SCHOOL

BATON ROUGE, LA (February 22, 2022) – Beginning on July 1, 2022, Cristo Rey Baton Rouge Franciscan High School will be known as Franciscan High School. The Board of Directors, with the school’s religious sponsors, the Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady, has chosen not to renew its membership with the Cristo Rey Network.

“The Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady are privileged to be the religious sponsor of the school and are proud of the many successes it has achieved. We look forward to continued support of this ministry,” said Sister Barbara Arceneaux, Regional Minister. “We are grateful for Cristo Rey Network’s early formal support that has helped us bring this ministry forward. We move into the future with our community and work study partners and their generous investment in the lives of our students and their families.”

Franciscan High School (FHS) will provide a rigorous, Catholic education with a unique, highly relevant work study program that prepares low-resource students for college and beyond. FHS also reflects the Franciscan values of the school’s sponsors to be living witnesses to the Gospel message, committed to preparing and empowering our students to fulfill their God given potential.

“Moving forward, we are confident Franciscan High School will continue to provide this unique educational opportunity to students and families most in need in our community,” said the Most Reverend Michael G. Duca, Bishop of Baton Rouge.

In the coming weeks, school leadership will focus on a strong finish to the current school year, culminating with graduation for the Class of 2022.

Franciscan High School is a unique model for participatory education that provides a path for students who might otherwise not have these work-life experiences. Since 2016, under the guidance of exceptional faculty and staff, students have demonstrated the advantage of learning both in the classroom and in the workplace. Applications for the 2022-2023 school year are now being accepted. Franciscan High School, in partnership with all stakeholders, will continue this innovative and transformative model of Catholic education to serve Baton Rouge well into the future.

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