



CRISTO REY
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Dear Friends of Cristo Rey and Horizons at Cristo Rey,

As we embark on this season of thanks and giving, I'd like to share my heartfelt gratitude for the support that you provide to our students and our school. It is only with your generosity that we can ensure that Cristo Rey Philadelphia's mission to nurture and challenge our 527 students comes to fruition. Because you champion educational equity, Cristo Rey Philadelphia impacts more underserved students than any other private school in Pennsylvania and any other Cristo Rey Network school in the country. Additionally, we have the most robust year-round after-school Horizons program to complement our summer programming.

We have continued to experience growth this year as a Catholic school for students of all faiths. Archbishop Nelson Pérez joined us to celebrate a school-wide Mass in late October. It was the first time an Archbishop of Philadelphia has come to our new campus at 1717 W. Allegheny Avenue and the second time in school history we have received a visit. Our own college seminarian Nelson Pérez, from the CRPHS Class of 2022, was also in attendance that day! There were representatives from our endorsing orders, The Augustinian Province of St. Thomas of Villanova, the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and Oblates of St. Francis de Sales, as well as members of the Jesuits and Sisters of Saint Joseph. This gathering provided an incredible moment of community and fellowship.

I am filled with gratitude that we continue to center community at our school. Last Friday, our team participated in a Day of Service at various sites throughout Philadelphia and Camden. This week began with our Gratitude Prayer Service on Monday morning, this afternoon we host our Gratitude Celebration with our Horizons families, and tomorrow, we look to Cristo Rey Day. We will start our day with a Social Justice Teach-In, organized by students, that will allow students and staff alike to engage in discussions surrounding the most important topics facing our world today. We will then round out our day with our *Cut from the Same Cloth* Fashion Show – a growing tradition at Cristo Rey Philadelphia – and a shared Thanksgiving meal where our team will serve our students. On December 10, we will host our Annual Holiday Recital. And on December 22, we will celebrate our Christmas Prayer Service. Our doors are always open, so please feel free to stop in over the next month. There will be no shortage of joy in our halls!

We are so fortunate to be a part of this dynamic and connected community filled with caring, loving, and dedicated individuals. It is my honor to share with you our [2024 Impact Report](#) and our [Summer 2024 Horizons at Cristo Rey Impact Report](#), which highlight our community members. I invite you to read about the tremendous people, opportunities, and partnerships that make us who we are.

For you, our students, families, faculty, and staff, I will be forever appreciative. I wish you a very Happy Thanksgiving with your family and friends.

In Blue Pride,

Tom Shoemaker
President & CEO



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