



## St. Rose Catholic School Expands into Sixth Grade for Fall 2010 Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston Provides Approval and Support

Houston, Texas - February 4, 2010 - The energy was exceptionally high on Saturday night at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Parish. Following the 5 pm mass, Principal Cathy Stephen announced that the school is beginning registration for the 2010-2011 school year and will grow to include sixth grade. The congregation erupted with applause.

"I'm happy that our current fifth graders can remain at our school while continuing their education," Stephen said. "We've worked hard with the Catholic Schools Office to prepare for this wonderful expansion."

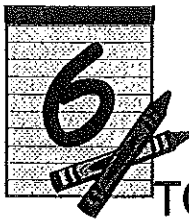
The school will take a conservative approach to the growth by opening sixth grade this next school year, followed by seventh and eighth grades in subsequent years. Principal Stephen and the staff of St. Rose have already been hard at work developing the curriculum, which will academically challenge students while fostering their Catholic faith.

The pastor grinned ear to ear, too. "This has been long in the works and took a lot of planning," Father Clint Ressler said. "I'm glad that we can now keep our families together by offering a middle school option. There's good news in Catholic education."

St. Rose will offer 6<sup>th</sup> grade to current students moving up and to those families newly entering into the Catholic School system. Registration for the new year has already begun.

### About St. Rose of Lima School

Nestled in the Garden Oaks/Oak Forest area, St. Rose of Lima Elementary School has educated children for more than 60 years. St. Rose School provides excellent education for students of all faiths in grades Pre-K through sixth grade. The school's mission is the integral formation of the entire Christian youth: mind, body and soul. For more information, please call the school office at 713-691-0104 or visit us online at [www.stroselima.org](http://www.stroselima.org).



We invite parents of our current  
4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades to  
join us for a presentation and conversation  
**TONIGHT** to discuss this exciting change to our  
school!

**Thursday, February 4, 2010  
6 pm in our 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Classroom**



Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

Catholic Schools Office

January 29, 2010

Father Clint Ressler, Pastor  
Cathy Stephen, Principal  
St. Rose of Lima School  
3600 Brinkman  
Houston, TX 77018

Dear Father Clint and Ms. Stephen:

I am pleased to inform you that His Eminence, Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, has approved the addition of grade 6 to St. Rose of Lima School for the 2010-2011 school year. Since we add grades to serve new and additional students, no transfers from other Catholic schools may be included for the coming year in your new 6<sup>th</sup> grade. We rely on your professionalism with respect to sensitivity and not negatively impacting area schools in this new endeavor. Provided the enrollment continues to increase in all grades as outlined in *Lumen Pro Via*, we would further foresee your school adding 7<sup>th</sup> grade in 2011, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade in 2012.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you sincerely for your dedication, commitment, and enthusiasm for Catholic Schools.

Sincerely,

*Sister Kevina Keating, CCVI*

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Superintendent of Catholic Schools  
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cc: Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, D.D., S.T.L.  
Bishop Vasquez, Chancellor  
Christina Deajon, Vice Chancellor