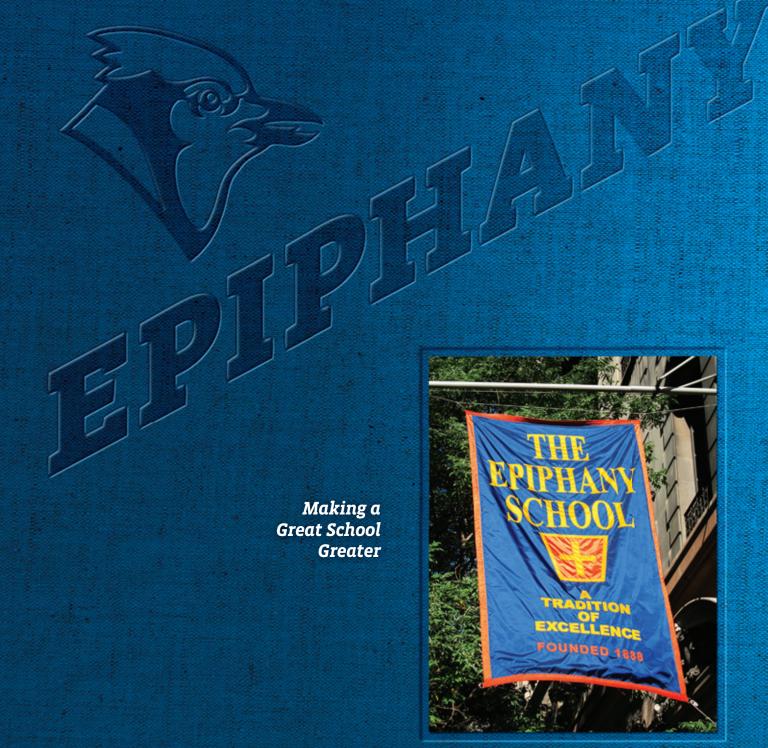
## THE EPIPHANY SCHOOL FOUNDATION

2010-11 Annual Review



## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS



#### TOTAL REVENUE

10/11	\$ 840,303
09/10	\$ 715,714
08/09	\$ 622,010
07/08	\$ 777,629

Total Donations + Special Events (Less Expenses) + Interest Income = Total Revenue

#### TOTAL DONATIONS

10/11	\$ 427,165
09/10	\$ 438,195
08/09	\$ 387,574
07/08	\$ 461,870

Does not include donations or grants relating to The Capital Campaign

#### SPECIAL EVENTS

10/11	\$ 366,546
09/10	\$ 252,142
08/09	\$ 263,607
07/08	\$ 313,722

All Special Events are less expenses

#### TOTAL GRANTS

10/11	\$ 475,000
09/10	\$ 420,000
08/09	\$ 421,150
07/08	\$ 496,850

### FROM THE CHAIR



#### Dear Friends of Epiphany School,

Please enjoy looking through this review of the 2010-11 school year and The Epiphany School Foundation. You may recall that when I spoke at the Back to School nights in September, I shamelessly bragged about my children again. I talked a little bit about my son Nick and the 10 years he spent here at Epiphany — about how those years shaped his character and enabled him to excel at Regis H. S. and Hamilton College. I am also proud of Danny (a sophomore at Hamilton College), and Brandon (a sophomore at Xavier High School) and my daughter Julianna (currently in 6th Grade here). They have followed in the footsteps of my parents and siblings — all Epiphany School graduates!

The important thing to recognize is that my family's story is not unique — Epiphany has been writing similar stories for countless families for close to 150 years. The four alums profiled in these pages echo this point.

I also mentioned that the Archdiocese is in the unfortunate position of having to shut down parish schools because it's no longer able to provide the financial support necessary to maintain them, and sadly, those schools aren't in a position to fund themselves. So, how is it that we find ourselves in a position where enrollment demand is so high that we have to turn families away each year? The answer is very simple:

It's because of the support the Foundation receives from all of you that Mr. Hayes is able to keep the cost of tuition down while at the same time maintaining two separate facilities and providing extracurricular programs that prepare our children for life after Epiphany. Unfortunately, tuition alone doesn't cover that cost. The fact of the matter is there's a significant shortfall each year between what tuition covers and the actual cost to provide the education and experience your children receive today. Your sponsorship of the Annual Fund and our 3 planned events each year enables the foundation to provide funding for expanded curriculum and programs, such as:

- Teachers' Assistants for Grades N through 3
- **Guidance** for students in Grades 4 through 8
- An Extra Math Teacher for Grades 6 through 8
- Spanish for Grades 1 and up
- Staff Development for all our teachers
- Music Classes provided by the 3rd Street Music School for Grades K through 3
- Mandarin Chinese provided by Berlitz for Grades K through 3

Without your support we'd never be in a position to provide these important programs and improvements. So on behalf of the Board of Trustees, Mr. Hayes and all the teachers and assistants at the school, I thank you sincerely for your generosity and look forward to another successful year for all.

Sincerely,

Jim Capuano

Chair, Epiphany School Foundation james.capuano@thomsonreuters.com

### THE EPIPHANY SCHOOL & THE EPIPHANY SCHOOL FOUNDATION:

## A winning combination!

The Epiphany School was founded in 1888 to provide the highest quality education to the children of the Epiphany Parish in the Gramercy section of Manhattan. Today, the school educates approximately 550 students, who live in all areas of Manhattan and the outer boroughs. We are guided by our mission: to educate the whole child: intellectually, spiritually, socially, emotionally and physically. Fundamental to this mission is developing children with a strong moral and ethical character who will contribute to society in meaningful ways.

Classes range from Nursery through Grade 8, and are located on two campuses — the only Catholic campuses between 22nd and 81st Streets on Manhattan's eastside. Graduates are provided with a well rounded, highly competitive, and individually challenging academic experience grounded in the values-centered Catholic tradition. As a result, our students graduate to top-ranked high schools, confident in their intellectual abilities, secure in their sense of purpose, and committed to improving the world as moral and ethical people.

Locally and nationally, the number of Catholic schools is dwindling.

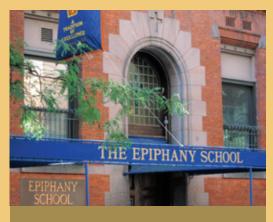
There were approximately 5.25 million students enrolled in Catholic schools nationwide in 1960. Today, that number has fallen to approximately 2 million children. Just in the last decade, 1,755 Catholic schools were closed or consolidated; New York City alone saw 27 Catholic schools close their doors after the 2011 school year. The reasons for the loss of these schools includes lower enrollment, less financial support from the Church, fewer clergy members available to serve in unpaid positions, and quite simply, tuition that is too expensive for many families in today's economic climate.

The Epiphany School, though fiscally sound as compared to other Catholic and parochial schools in the area and nationwide, wanted to ensure its future. To sustain the excellence in education that is the hallmark of the school, and to keep tuition at an affordable level, The Epiphany School Foundation was established in 1999 to raise funds for the support of the school. This tax-exempt, charitable foundation was founded to enhance the children's educational experience and the faculty's teaching environment. These goals are achieved by funding an array of programs that the school cannot cover through tuition alone. Current tuition is \$6,200 per child per year, while the total cost to educate each child is over \$7,400. A list of programs that the Foundation underwrites can be found on page 8 of this publication.





Since this review focuses on history and is a review of our past year, we decided to highlight some former students: one in high school, one in college and two who have sent their own children here. They reflect, in their own words, what the Epiphany experience has meant to them.



The Epiphany School opened at 234 East 22nd Street. to provide education for the school age children of The Epiphany Parish (grades 1 to 8). The school was under the direction of the Sisters of Charity from inception through 1977. The Christian Brothers assisted by teaching the boys from 1900 through 1935.



Grade 7 boys class from the original school.

## 2010-11 ANNUAL SUPPORT

The 2010-2011 Annual Review of The Epiphany School Foundation is a report to our constituents and friends on the activities of the past fiscal year (July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011).

This review reflects gifts made to the Annual Fund and also recognizes support of our special events including the 2010 Walk (Sponsorships), 2010 American Girl Fashion Show, 2011 Spring Auction and 2011 Golf Outing. We thank all the families, friends and alumni who made 2010-2011 the most successful in the history of the Foundation.

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Epiphany: Class of 1979 High School: Loyola High School College: Marymount Manhattan College





#### Why did your parents decide to send you to Epiphany?

My parents knew that Epiphany was academically outstanding. It was of equal importance to my parents that my brother and I have a Catholic education. My brother Thomas and I FONDLY remember morning prayers and first Friday masses. It was in the 5th grade, with Sr. Francis, that I won the most beautiful pink rosary beads. I placed them under my pillow and prayed with them every night. I believe my faith grew as a result of all my Epiphany experiences.

#### What was your major and what career path did you follow?

I received a BA in Business with a minor in Studio Art and am currently the Executive Director of Clinique Makeup Global Product Development. I am passionate about what I do and consider myself very lucky. My job allows me to combine both my areas of interest. What that means is, I get to dream up any crazy product idea I can think of, ask our chemists to create it, and then draw upon the business side of my brain to tell me if it is going to sell or not. It was at the Epiphany where I had my first art class — I think that is where my love to create all began!!!

## Why did you decide you send your children here? We know that they have both graduated — what are they doing now?

Kristen graduated in 2008 and Stephen in 2011. My grammar school experience at Epiphany was so phenomenal—I HAD to send my children here!! Kristen is now in her last year of high school at St. Vincent Ferrer and she credits Epiphany School for her being so well prepared for high school. My son Stephen is my social butterfly. The teachers had a great way of making sure Stephen stayed focused while still allowing his personality to shine. That is not always easy to do. For Stephen, the transition to high school workload at Xavier has been a breeze!

#### What are your reflections about your years spent here?

When I reflect about the years I spent at Epiphany, I say to myself, "If I only had more children I could still be there." The most powerful thing I can share is how happy and proud my children are to say that they are Epiphany graduates. All of the teachers have a place in our hearts. Jim Hayes puts a smile on my face each and every time I think of him. He is the only principal I know who stands outside their school to say hello and goodbye to each student every morning and afternoon. My last year at Epiphany in 1979 was his first year as principal.

#### Are you still in touch with Epiphany friends?

Absolutely! In fact, we just had dinner last week, and we are planning our next evening out as I write this.

# 1947

The inside of the original building was rebuilt, although the physical foundation and structure remained intact.

1975

A Kindergarten program was added.



The first lay principal, James L. Hayes, was named and remains in charge of the school to this day.

A Pre-Kindergarten program was added.

## 2010-11 ANNUAL SUPPORT

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#### A.J. Pino

Epiphany: Class of 1982 High School: Power Memorial Academy & La Salle Academy College: Iona College





#### Why did your parents decide to send you to Epiphany?

My parents decided to send me to Epiphany because they felt the education offered was far superior to any other school in the area. Many of my friends and their siblings attended Epiphany as well. Epiphany created a close-knit bond and community that was rarely found anywhere in the city.

#### What was your major and what career path did you follow?

I majored in Finance. After graduating I worked for Time Warner Cable in Real Estate and Contract Administration. After working there I decided to open my own contracting company, which for the past 20 years has constructed CATV and fiber optic networks for Verizon, Cablevision, Time Warner and RCN.

#### Why did you decide to send your child here?

I decided to send my oldest son AJ to Epiphany because I wanted him to get an excellent education and have the same experiences that I had when I went here. My younger son Michael will be attending Kindergarten in the fall of 2012. The Epiphany community is so strong and family values are so important, I felt there is no better place to send my children. The teachers and staff at Epiphany are extremely dedicated to the success of each child that passes through the doors and seeing the state of affairs at other schools, that is a rare find these days.

#### What are your reflections about your years spent here?

At the time I went to Epiphany, the school was transitioning from nuns to lay teachers. If I recall, Mr. Hayes (the current principal) was my 6th grade Science teacher when he first arrived. As I look back, I realized that Epiphany prepared me very well for my path in life. The school taught me the meaning of friendship and giving back to others, which in today's world is easily overlooked.

#### Are you still in touch with Epiphany friends?

I am still in touch with a number of friends I went to Epiphany School with, some of whom now have children and also send them to Epiphany as well.

## Any other comments on your Epiphany education/experience?

I cannot say enough about Epiphany and the education the kids get today. Mr. Hayes and his staff do a wonderful job. I look forward to my children getting a great education and preparing them for their journey in life.

# 1991



The Epiphany School expanded into the former Saint Stephen's School on East 28th Street.

Today that structure houses grades 4 to 8.

1993

A Nursery program was added.

## 1999

The Epiphany School Foundation was established by a group of parents, the Pastor and the Principal. The Foundation is a tax-exempt charitable foundation formed for the purpose of enhancing the children's educational experience and the faculty's teaching environment.

## **PROGRAMS**

The support given to The Foundation by our parents, friends and alumni provides critical funding for a variety of programs, which tuition alone could not cover. They include:

**Spanish for Grades 1 to 8** provides our students with an early global awareness that will prepare them to navigate an increasingly diverse world.

**Guidance for Grades 4 to 8** includes weekly classes addressing self-esteem, morality and health to develop the mind, spirit, and values. A full time guidance counselor also helps 7th and 8th grade students and parents navigate the complicated high school selection process.

**Staff Development** assists teachers in pursuing educational opportunities and offers monthly in-house workshops to support best practices.

Mandarin for Grades K to 3 is a Chinese language immersion class taught by teachers from the Berlitz School.

**Music and Movement for Grades K to 3** is an early childhood program designed to develop an appreciation of Music as an integral part of education.

**Teachers' Assistants for Grades N to 3** allows children to receive the individual attention they need for early childhood development.

**Reading Specialist for Grades K to 3** improves reading comprehension, writing skills and vocabulary.

**Extra Math teacher for Grades 6 to 8** makes the student/teacher ratio very low, and provides the specific help that each student needs.

Science Program Specialist students in Grades K to 3 participate in experiments and students in 4th and 5th Grades conduct hands-on experiments in the Science Lab.

**Financial Aid,** both long and short term, assists families facing ongoing or sudden economic hardship.

**Constant Technology Updates** including Smart Boards, laptops and computer labs keep our students up to date.

Ongoing Capital Improvements make The Epiphany School a comfortable and safe learning environment.





**During the summer of 2011,** thanks to the generosity of our families and friends, two play areas were completely resurfaced and reconfigured at 22nd Street and 28th Street. In addition, a completely new indoor play space was built within the Early Childhood Center at 29th Street.

Thoughtfully designed playgrounds promote children's physical exercise, sense of awareness, empathy and intellect. Physical and mental health is intrinsically intertwined- and well-designed playgrounds and equipment strengthen bodies and minds alike.

**22nd Street outdoor playground** — The existing playground was resurfaced in school colors and outfitted with new playground equipment. Founded by a sculptural artist and child development specialist, these products are a blend of modern design and exceptional play opportunities. Safety is also taken very seriously. The 22nd Street space includes a climbing apparatus and a spinning rounder.

**28th Street outdoor playground** — The existing playground was resurfaced with the same new safety surface as 22nd Street, also in our school colors. This playground system is comprised of a base mat consisting of recycled tires mixed with a polyurethane binder. The space is primarily an open play area with basketball hoops.

**29th Street indoor playground** — A new indoor playground activity area was constructed for the Nursery and Pre-K students, providing an area where the children can play while the outdoor playground may not be an option due to inclement weather. The floor surface is geared for safety and the equipment is designed to stimulate young imaginations. The area includes a pitching bag and pitching pockets, as well as circular portholes, a rocket ship, and colored abacus cubes.

The total cost for the three projects was about \$180,000. This money was raised thanks to the generosity of those who walked and raised donations in the 2010 Walkathon, as well as those who raised their paddles during the special "Fund-a-Cause" at the 2011 Spring Auction. The balance of the money came from the Capital Improvements budget, which is a line item in the Foundation's budget.

### Michael Fitzgerald

Epiphany: Class of 2006 High School: Regis High School College: College of the Holy Cross





#### What is your fondest memory of your years at Epiphany?

My fondest memory of my years at Epiphany is the time spent in 8th grade homeroom. I was in 8-2 and Mrs. Barry was my homeroom teacher. She probably laughed with us as much as we laughed with each other.

## You graduated from Regis High School. Did you feel well prepared to start high school after your years here?

Although the work at Regis definitely increased in difficulty, as I am sure it did at most other high schools, I felt very prepared to step up and take on the challenge. I think Epiphany does an exceptional job at preparing students to not shy away from a challenge but instead to have confidence in your abilities and to take everything head on.

#### What extra curricular activities did you take part in there?

At Regis I was a member of the Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field Team for all four years. I was team Captain my senior year. I was a member of the REACH program in which I was a mentor for a grammar school student approaching high school with the hopes of applying to Regis. I was also a member of the Medical Science Club and participated in a Marine Biology Research trip to Belize.

## Where are you attending college and what is your major? What other activities are you participating in?

I am a Biology Major in the pre-medical program at College of the Holy Cross. I am a member of the Varsity Rowing Team which I joined at the start of my freshman year. I also have recently been accepted to Medical Ministry International, a program in which college students are selected from various colleges to travel to San Pedro, Honduras.

#### What is your ultimate career goal?

My ultimate career goal is to be involved in the medical professions, particularly a surgeon in the cardiovascular or neurological field. I would also like to participate in research in the same fields.

#### Do you stay in touch with classmates from Epiphany?

My closest friends to this day are people I met in Epiphany, some as far back as in the blocks section of Kindergarten. They were a big part of my life in Epiphany, are today, and I plan on keeping them around for the rest of my life.

#### Any other comments on your years at Epiphany?

From Nursery to 8th grade, Epiphany shaped me in many complex ways, some I may not even recognize. I am very thankful for the education Epiphany provided me with, particularly in today's world with the current educational crisis. It is a rare education I plan not to waste.

# 2002

A long-term lease agreement was signed with Saint Stephen's for use of their Parish Hall. That space is now the Early Childhood Center, housing Nursery and Pre-Kindergarten classes, with their own entrance on Fast 29th Street

## 2011

The Epiphany School draws its student body from all over Manhattan and the outer boroughs, representing over 50 zip codes. Currently there are approximately 550 children enrolled here.

#### 1888 SOCIETY

Leave a legacy! Many people wonder about the mark they will leave on the world. Will the world be a better place because of our efforts? When you include a provision in your will or trust for the benefit of The Epiphany School Foundation, you provide essential resources that will shape the future of The Epiphany School and ensure its excellence for generations to come. Defining your legacy is one of the most important decisions you will make in your lifetime. When you create or revise your estate plan, we hope you will include The Epiphany School Foundation among your beneficiaries. Please call Betsy Gorski in the Development Office (212-473-6158) for more information.



## SPECIAL EVENTS

The special events administered by the Foundation account for a huge proportion of the total funds raised each year. This year's net was \$366,546 — that is a 45% increase over the prior year!

The First Annual Walkathon was held in October 2010. Over 560 students, parents, grandparents, alumni and friends walked from the 22nd Street schoolyard to the East River and down to East River Park. Chairs were Monica Quinn Culoso, Meghan Hedengren and Jennifer Walther.

The American Girl Fashion Show, held in December 2010, was a tradition at The Epiphany School since 1996. It provided a wonderful opportunity to showcase the style, independence and self-confidence of our Epiphany community girls. The 2010 Chair was Ann Marie Henis. The 2010 show was the last one to be held here, due to changing interests of our population.

The Spring Auction, held in March 2011, is traditionally the most profitable fundraiser that the Foundation sponsors. The venue was the Manhattan Penthouse. The two-fold event offers items in both a Silent Auction and a Live Auction, which makes for a very exciting evening. The 2011 Chairs were Christiane Anderson and Ellen Mammen.

**The Golf Outing** is the longest running event sponsored by the Foundation -2011 marked its 17th year. The outing was held for the first time at Wykagyl Country Club in New Rochelle. Parents, alumni, friends, family and business colleagues joined together for a fun day on the links followed by cocktails, dinner and lots of great prizes. The 2011 committee included: Kristin Henn, Ed Pinter, John Sowarby, John Bettex and Kevin Falowski.



### EVENT DATES AND CHAIRS FOR 2011-12

The Walk October 16, 2011 Chairs: Jennifer Walther, Monica Quinn Culoso and Meghan Hedengren

Spring Auction — New York Athletic Club Chairs: Meenakshi Hilaire and Claire Pezeu March 21, 2012

Golf Outing — Wykagyl Country Club

Chairs: Ed Pinter, John Sowarby, John Bettex and Kevin Falowski

May 21, 2012



#### The Epiphany School Foundation 2011-12 Board of Trustees

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#### Tracey King

Epiphany: Class of 2008 High School: St. Vincent Ferrer High School College: Pending





#### What is your fondest memory of your years at Epiphany?

Throughout my years at Epiphany I have always participated in the school play. Every year the entire school would participate in these plays. It was so much fun with the costumes, lighting, the makeup; it was always my favorite time of the school year. It wasn't until I reached high school that I realized not every school does these big productions — it is very unique to Epiphany.

#### What Epiphany teacher is the most memorable?

Miss O'Connell! She is definitely my most memorable teacher at Epiphany. I had her for both Pre-K and 1st grade. Those were the best years I had here.

#### Where are you attending high school? Did you feel well prepared after your years here? What extra curricular activities are you participating in now?

I am currently a senior at St. Vincent Ferrer High School. Once I started high school, I felt like I was already ahead of the curve. In my freshman English class we had to learn how to diagram sentences. I ended up helping all the girls in my class because my 8th grade teacher, Mrs. Barry, had taught us the year before. My extracurricular activities include my school's theatre club, Irish Society, and volunteering at Epiphany once a week for my community service.

#### What are your long term goals? Any thoughts on colleges or professions?

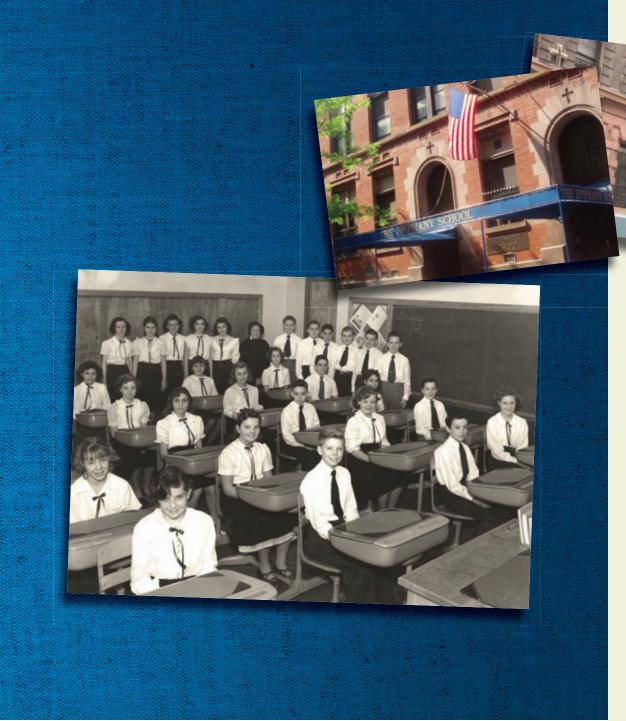
My long term goals right now are to just make it through the college application process! I haven't decided on a major yet, but I'm applying to schools in New York State as well as Boston and Philadelphia.

#### Are you still close to many of your Epiphany classmates?

Most of my classmates ended up going to St. Vincent Ferrer as well so I was able to maintain a lot of those friendships. I was also able to form closer friendships with some of my classmates who I didn't spend as much time with during my years at Epiphany. Also, since my best friend from Epiphany lives across the street from me, it was easy to keep that friendship as well.

#### Any other comments on your Epiphany education/experience?

I can't even begin to describe what Epiphany has meant to me. This school has made me into the person I am today. The teachers and faculty have taught so many valuable life lessons that has helped me get to where I am today and for that I am truly grateful.



#### The Epiphany School Foundation



234 East 22nd Street, New York, NY 10010

Top left: Lower Campus at 234 East 22nd Street Top right: Upper Campus at 141 East 28th Street Left: The Epiphany School Grade 7 in 1948

#### The Epiphany School High School Selections

Aquinas High School (1) Bronxville High School (1)

The Class of 2011 is attending the following high schools:

Convent of the Sacred Heart (1) Dominican Academy (3) Eleanor Roosevelt H.S. (1) Fiorella H. LaGuardia H.S. (2) Fordham Prep (2) High School for Math, Science & Engineering of CCNY (1) Immaculate Heart H.S. (2) Loyola School (4) Marymount School of New York (2) Molloy High School (3) Notre Dame School (2) Regis High School (2) St. John's Prep (1) St. Peter's Prep (3) St. Vincent Ferrer H.S. (15) Xavier High School (7)

Founded in 1888, The Epiphany School continues its commitment to quality by providing students with an exceptional, value-centered Catholic education. Here, we educate the whole child — intellectually, socially, physically and spiritually — each ultimately equipped to progress into adulthood with a strong sense of identity and purpose. While the student body is predominantly Catholic, enrollment is open to children of all backgrounds and faiths.