

As the Catholic pastors of Deanery 8, co-sponsors of Hoboken Catholic Academy (“HCA”) and also responsible for the pastoral care of the people of:

*Our Lady of Grace and St. Joseph Church, Hoboken  
St. Ann Church, Hoboken  
St. Francis Church, Hoboken  
St. Lawrence Church, Weehawken  
Ss. Peter and Paul Church, Hoboken*

especially for the children and young people in our communities, we are committed to the Mission Statement of Hoboken Catholic Academy, which, in part, notes that its mission is to educate the mind, encourage the growth, and enhance the ongoing spiritual development of each child in our care. Consequently, we have developed these principles in order to preserve the long term sustainability of HCA by exercising sound planning and financial responsibility while simultaneously enhancing quality and our Catholic mission.

Regarding **ENROLLMENT/GROWTH**, at this point in time, we believe that the capacity of HCA must be no greater than what it can currently handle at its current location, which is approximately 415 students;

Regarding **TUITION**, sensitive to the economic challenges of families and of our times, as well as the continuing financial struggles of the co-sponsoring parishes, we believe that a greater percentage of the budget and its financial burden must be borne by the school. Consequently, we have authorized an 8% increase in tuition for each student for the academic year 2011-2012;

Regarding **QUALITY OF EDUCATION**, we are committed to continuing to provide our students with state of the art resources, a cutting edge curriculum and a faculty and staff that are not only eminently qualified, but continue to benefit from professional development and academic support;

Regarding the **CATHOLIC MISSION**, we believe that parents are the first educators of children in the ways of the faith. Consequently, family life and parish life must be interrelated and celebrated. We expect that all Catholic families with children enrolled in HCA are registered with, regularly attend and generously support their Catholic parish;

Regarding **FACILITIES**, we note that over the years the current physical plant has been neglected and is in need of some capital improvements. Consequently, we have asked the Archdiocese of Newark to conduct an audit of the entire plant in order to note, cost, and help us prioritize the most pressing needs for improvement;

Regarding the **FUNDRAISING**, we note that tuition will never completely cover all the expenses for the school. Consequently we will review the current membership of the Board and work together with the Principal and parents in order to attract people of affluence, influence and commitment to Catholic education in order to assist us in this important endeavor;

Finally, we publicly express our thanks to Principal, Mrs. Rose Perry and her outstanding faculty and staff. We congratulate each student for his/her presence in our school. We call upon all parents, benefactors and those committed to Catholic education to join our efforts as we work to preserve HCA for many years to come.

*Reverend Alex Santora – OUR LADY OF GRACE AND ST. JOSEPH CHURCH  
Reverend Vincent Fortunato, OFM, Cap., – ST. ANN CHURCH  
Reverend Michael Guglielmelli, – ST. FRANCIS CHURCH  
Very Reverend James Whelan, – ST. LAWRENCE CHURCH  
Monsignor Robert Meyer, – SS. PETER AND PAUL CHURCH*