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DEPAUL CRISTO REY HIGH SCHOOL NAMES NORAH MOCK DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

Norah C. Mock has been named the development director of DePaul Cristo Rey High School, Greater Cincinnati's newest Catholic high school. Mock joins the school after serving in key fundraising leadership positions at Xavier University.

DePaul Cristo Rey is sponsored by the Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati and will offer underserved students in Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky the opportunity for a strong college preparatory education in a Catholic setting. It will open to an anticipated freshman class of 100 students in June 2011.

Mock, a Loveland resident, holds a bachelor's degree in English and a master's of Business Administration degree, both from Xavier University. She has 17 years of fundraising experience in Catholic parishes and elementary schools as well as in higher education. She served as director of development at St. Ursula Villa prior to joining Xavier's staff in 2003. At Xavier, Mock served as senior associate director of the annual fund, creator and executive director of Women of Excellence, and most recently as executive director of the Office of Annual Fund and Alumni Relations.

At DePaul Cristo Rey High School, Mock will be responsible for developing and executing the fundraising program to support all aspects of the school including academics, technology, facilities, as well as student programs and scholarships. "The development program will be critical to the success of DePaul Cristo Rey High School," says Mock. "Most private schools rely on parent and alumni support to fund the majority of tuition costs. Our school, which is unique to this area, has no alumni base as yet and will serve families with economic needs. We must look to outside sources to help us provide the strong academic program, technology resources, and financial aid critical to student success. With a combined focus on academics and corporate work experience, our students will be ready to succeed in college. It is our goal that through their education, these students will help to break the cycle of poverty within their families and communities," she says.

DePaul Cristo Rey, located at 1133 Clifton Hills Avenue, is the 25th school in the nationwide Cristo Rey Network (www.cristoreynetwork.org) which serves almost 6,000 urban young people who live in communities with limited education options. Most of the students qualify for the

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federal free or reduced lunch program. The average family income at Network schools is \$35,682. Member schools utilize a longer school day and year, academic assistance, and counseling to prepare students with a broad range of academic abilities for college. All students at Cristo Rey Network schools participate in the Corporate Work Study Program through which they finance the majority of the cost of their education. All graduates of the class of 2010 at Cristo Rey Network schools nationwide were accepted into college. There are more than 1,430 companies across the country that employ Cristo Rey students; in Cincinnati 25 companies have already agreed to serve as CWSP partners.

For more information about the school, enrolling a student, becoming a Corporate Work Study Partner, or exploring other ways to help the students of DePaul Cristo Rey High School, please contact the school office at 513-861-0600.

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