

# Brooklyn Daily Eagle

## Faith in Brooklyn

### Cristo Rey Brooklyn High School Dedicates New Building

Cristo Rey Brooklyn High School dedicated its new building at 710 East 37th Street in East Flatbush last week on Wednesday, Nov. 13. Members of the extended Cristo Rey Brooklyn family and the larger community joined forces for the celebration.

Cristo Rey Brooklyn, which was established five years ago, is a member of the nationally recognized network of 26 high schools designed to provide a quality, Catholic, college preparatory education to young people of all faiths who live in urban communities and have limited educational options. Its name, derived from the Spanish language, means Christ the King.

Students, faculty and staff welcomed board members, sponsors, benefactors and friends into the school's new home. Students led guests on tours of the increased instructional space and resources that had been previously lacking: the auditorium, commercial kitchen and cafeteria, gymnasium, library, chapel, science and technology labs. Cristo Rey President Bill Henson introduced speakers, including Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz, CRBHS Board Chair, Bob Catell; BHGHNY Board Chair, John J. Halleron III; Sister Pat Vetrano, President of the Mid-Atlantic Community of the Sisters of Mercy, Fr. Joe Parkes from the Cristo Rey Network; and seniors, Jeffrey Lopez and Glody Omasombo. Monsignor Kieran Harrington of the Brooklyn Diocese prayed a blessing upon the school's new home.

Two new partnerships were announced during the presentation with Boys Hope Girls Hope New York (BHGHNY) and the Mid-Atlantic Community of the Sisters of Mercy. BHGHNY offers and manages a boarding program for young women on the new Cristo Rey Brooklyn campus, in which all their scholars in residence attend Cristo Rey Brooklyn High School. The Mid-Atlantic Community of the Sisters of Mercy is now an official religious endorser of Cristo Rey Brooklyn High School, and they own the property and building. Cristo Rey High School leaders said "the alignment of our three missions could not be stronger and we are more than pleased to have the opportunity to be able to work together to help our students succeed."

The school's motto is "A School Learns, Works, Serves, Dreams, and Grows in Brooklyn!"



Sr. Kathleen, Sr. Pat, President Bill Henson, Anne Pittinger and Sr. Catherine pose for a picture in the entrance of Cristo Rey Brooklyn High School, when the Mid-Atlantic Community of the Sisters of Mercy publicly announced their endorsement of Cristo Rey Brooklyn High School. Courtesy of Cristo Rey Brooklyn High School