

In 1863, the Prep established 17th and Girard as its home. Following the fire of 1966, the Jesuits re-committed to the city of Philadelphia and chose to rebuild here rather than move to a suburban location. The main Prep building became the center of the rebuild, and the focal space for our mission of developing the minds, hearts, souls and characters of young men.

This Strategic Plan renews that Jesuit commitment to our home at 17th and Girard, and the process has identified a need for a revitalization of that home to create a modern, 21st century learning environment designed to best educate today's students for successful futures—an exciting endeavor!

It also calls for the need to strengthen our endowment to ensure the continuation of the mission of St. Joseph's Prep. That mission, with its unique emphasis on urban experience for a diverse student body with varied geographic, socioeconomic and cultural backgrounds, stands as the hallmark of a Prep education. It is what makes us different and proud. Ensuring that experience lives on for generations requires a renewed focus on endowment at the Prep.

With these needs in mind, the Board of Trustees is exploring the following initiatives:

Revitalizing our home at 17th and Girard would create:

- **A Gateway to the Prep** that defines our presence in North Philadelphia
- **A Welcome Center** that will serve as the beginning of every Prepper's experience, including a new Admission Center
- **New State-of-the-Art Learning Commons** where learning, collaboration and creativity are matched with technology
- **Modernized Classrooms** complete with updated technological capacity and fitted to accommodate today's learning
- **Rejuvenated Theatre** to match the national recognition of the Prep's Cape and Sword Drama Society productions and to provide a venue for value-added educational opportunities for Prep students
- **New Athletic Field** to provide on-campus practice facilities for our dedicated student-athletes and opportunities for community engagement

Building our endowment would enable us to:

- **Award Financial Aid** that meets family needs
- **Provide Merit Scholarships** which attract high-caliber students
- **Attract First-Class Faculty** from throughout the region and nation
- **Enhance Academic Programs** and learning experiences
- **Support Athletics** and extracurricular programs
- **Develop Mission and Ministry Initiatives** that promote our Ignatian identity



St. Joseph's Preparatory School is known for sending young men well-prepared into their futures with passion, compassion and a sense of justice for the world around them. This strategic plan ensures that we maintain that standard for today's Preppers and those in years to come.

Our vision challenges, demands and inspires—just like an education at the Prep.