



October 20, 2009

Dear Parents:

The Placement Test for Admission to Vandebilt Catholic High School for the 2010-2011 school year will be given on **Saturday, January 9, 2010 from 8:00 – 12:00 on our campus.** The test, which is a vital first step in the admission process, assists our personnel in determining placement in classes for those students who complete the admission process and are admitted. An application for this test is included in this mailing and should be completed and returned to Vandebilt by **December 15, 2009.** The testing fee is **\$25.00** and should accompany the application.

At Vandebilt we believe in education of the total child. We offer programs that develop the student spiritually, academically, socially, psychologically, physically, and culturally. In order to accomplish this, we seek to create within the school a community spirit characterized by a pervading influence of Catholic values, a strong insistence on an orderly and disciplined atmosphere, a personal approach to education, and a firm commitment to academic excellence. To learn more about Vandebilt, our mission, and the programs we offer, we invite all parents to a meeting on our campus on **Wednesday, December 2, 2009, at 7:00 p.m.** The meeting will take place in our new building, the Brother Alfred Kolb Center.

In considering applying for admission, parents should recognize that they are contracting with the school for a Catholic education. Programs such as our class retreats, student body liturgies, and service awareness are designed to reflect the Church's teaching and to have students experience religion as the love of a personal God who cares for each of us and who is the ultimate source of true happiness.

In recent years the demand for admission to Vandebilt has increased to a point where criteria for selections have been set up. These criteria are not related to a student's academic excellence or his or her placement test score. Being a baptized Catholic; attending a Catholic school and the number of years attended; and having a brother, sister, or parent who is a Vandebilt student or an alumnus are all criteria considered in admission. In admitting any student, however, we will give some priority to those who complete each step of the admission process at the scheduled time, including the taking of this placement test. Parents of those students who take the placement test will be placed on our mailing lists and will receive further information in February. **To be considered for admission, a parent must apply during the period from March 1 – 15, 2010. The placement test alone is *not* considered an application for admission.**

We hope that an education at Vandebilt Catholic becomes a part of your child's future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Keife".

David Keife
President