



## **Cristo Rey Richmond announces leadership transition**

Cristo Rey Richmond High School President & CEO, Deacon Peter McCourt, along with the School Board of Directors, has announced that he will be stepping down from his role, effective at the end of the current academic year.

“We are incredibly grateful to Pete’s contribution to the growth and evolution of our school,” said Peter Quinn, Board Chair of Cristo Rey. “Pete has been a tireless advocate for our students and has carried the message of our mission throughout the Richmond Community. We would not be where we are today without him.”

McCourt joined Cristo Rey in 2017 during the school’s feasibility study. Since that time, he has led the school from our opening in 2019 with our first freshman class to the realization of the inaugural graduating class at Cristo Rey, the Class of 2023, as that group of seniors earned their diplomas and departed Cristo Rey with a 100% college acceptance rate. Pete also was the visionary leader of the redevelopment and construction of its new school building and administrative offices located on Belmont Avenue in the Museum District of Richmond.

In a letter to the Cristo Rey Richmond community, McCourt said, “As stewards of our audacious mission, we recognize that change is essential for progress. Just as our students evolve, so must our leadership. It is time for fresh perspectives, new ideas, and renewed energy to propel Cristo Rey Richmond to even greater heights. These past nearly seven years have been an incredible journey, filled with growth, inspiration, and unwavering faith. I am eternally grateful for this life-changing opportunity to serve as the founding President & CEO of this amazing ministry and for all the people who believed and made the Cristo Rey idea more than a dream.”

A working committee has been formed to commence a national search for McCourt’s successor.

---

**About Cristo Rey Richmond:** *Cristo Rey Richmond High School, a leading private high school in Richmond, Virginia, is a faith based learning community that educates young people of limited economic means to become men and women of faith, purpose, and service. Through a rigorous college preparatory curriculum, integrated with a relevant work study experience, students graduate ready to succeed in college and in life, with a commitment to academic excellence, career readiness, character development, and community engagement. Cristo Rey Richmond cultivates an environment where students thrive and achieve their fullest potential. We are “Transforming Richmond One Student at a Time.” Cristo Rey Richmond is sponsored by Bon Secours Mercy Ministries and a member of the Cristo Rey Network.*