



# COVINGTON LATIN SCHOOL

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## PRESS RELEASE

### Groundbreaking for Major Building Project at Covington Latin School

Today, the Most Reverend Bishop Roger J. Foys, Bishop of Covington, led a distinguished group of officials, alumni, parents and friends of Covington Latin School in a groundbreaking ceremony for a major building and renovation project, which will completely transform the 87 year-old school.

The over 41,000 sq. ft. addition will more than double the educational space at the school. The current building will be completely renovated and will be connected to the new addition by an atrium/commons area.

#### Highlights of the new facility include:

1. Three college-level science classrooms/labs
2. A technology center
3. A multi-purpose space, which can also be utilized as a theatre
4. A new cafeteria
5. A dedicated space for physical education
6. And an elevator which will provide accessibility to both the existing and new facility.

All of the additions and upgrades are aimed at reinforcing the already strong academic mission of the school. 100% of the Blue Ribbon School's graduates go on to college and the 2010 graduating class of 53 students earned over \$6.2 million in scholarship offers, averaging over \$117,000 per student. This year, Covington Latin is celebrating three National Merit Semi-Finalists.

### Comments from Andy Barczak, Covington Latin School Headmaster

"What you are seeing today is the culmination of careful planning and review which began almost a decade ago," said Andy Barczak, the school's Headmaster. "We have been blessed that we have been able to react to the evolution of education faced by all schools from a position of enrollment strength. Latin School is today, in a good place with its student population," he said. "It is not that we are hoping that they will come if we build it. Indeed, they have come and now we have to build."

### Comments from Bishop Roger Foys, Bishop of the Covington Diocese

Bishop Foys, who refers to Latin School as "The Bishop's School", underscored the pride of accomplishments by all of those in attendance – students, alumni, parents and Latin School dignitaries. "Latin School has, over its history, stayed true to the goal of their founder, Bishop Howard. Indeed, leaders do start here."

The project enjoys the full support of the City of Covington, led by Mayor Denny Bowman, who joined in the groundbreaking. It was also noted by a number of speakers that although everyone is proud of the \$4.6 million raised to date, there is much more to be done. Fundraising for the capital campaign will continue until the entire \$9 million project is fully funded.

The project's architect is GBBN in Cincinnati and Pilot Contractors in Erlanger will lead the construction and renovation, which has already begun. The total project is scheduled to be completed by September 2011.