
THE SAN MIGUEL SCHOOL

Camden New Jersey



Office of the President

A vital presence of Catholic education in Camden

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Dear Friends,

It is with great sadness that we write to inform you that THE SAN MIGUEL SCHOOL of Camden will be closing its doors at the end of the 2010-2011 school year, celebrating 13 years of educating middle schools boys in Camden.

The Board of Director's decision to close San Miguel was a difficult one. It came down to two very important and fundamental issues for long-term sustainability: finances and enrollment. First, the economic recession of the past two years has hampered our ability to attract new donors and raise significant capital to not only cover the operating budget, but to create an endowment. Second, the opening of several charter schools in Camden City have provided more options for Camden's students to be educated. Between these two elements, we have struggled with budget deficits and not enough students to fill our program to capacity.

San Miguel School's Board and administration explored different options for the school's future and determined that given the limited resources of time and money, the school needed to secure long-term, sustainable funding along with a robust enrollment or close its doors.

We are most thankful to the Brothers of the Christian Schools of the District of Eastern North America (and the legacy Baltimore District) who have contributed substantially to THE SAN MIGUEL SCHOOL and serves as our sponsor. It was they who supported our decision to close the school to ensure sufficient time for our students to find new schools and our staff to secure new employment.

We thank you for your support of San Miguel over these past 13 years. You have played a significant role in our success. THE SAN MIGUEL SCHOOL has provided a vital human and Christian education to shape middle school boys into San Miguel men; our 140 alumni illustrate the fulfillment of this mission.

Please keep our students, faculty, and staff in your prayers during this difficult time of transition.

Sincerely,

Br. Joseph Juliano FSC
President

Mr. Robert V. Spires
Chairman of the Board

Mr. James Hoban
Principal

"God is so good that he does not leave unrewarded the good work that is done for him and the service that is rendered to him, especially for the salvation of souls. God gives two types of reward in this world to those who commit themselves unflinchingly to the work of the salvation of souls. First, he gives them an abundance of grace; second he gives them a more extended ministry and a greater ability to procure the conversion of souls..."

... This is the very satisfaction you will have when they grow up and you see them living with justice and piety, keeping free from evil associates, and performing good deeds."

*- Saint John Baptist de La Salle
15th Meditation for the Time of Retreat*