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### *Preserving the Vision – Newsletter #5*

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Over the past four weeks, we have shared with you an overview of *Preserving the Vision*. In this final letter, we will look to the future and discuss what is needed to continue to build the foundations that will make Catholic education within the Diocese of Brooklyn and Queens stronger, viable and vibrant for generations to come.

As we continue to look to the future of the strategic planning process, *Preserving the Vision*, which began in September 2008, the 2012-2013 Annual Report reminds us of the vision of the plan:

“The long term goal of *Preserving the Vision* is to perpetuate the mission of Catholic elementary schools by proactively creating a new paradigm of ‘multiple partnerships’ designed to strengthen every aspect of a Catholic elementary school and to transform it into an academy that includes competent lay leadership in its governance. These partnerships will strengthen its long term viability and stability.”

The entire Annual Report for *Preserving the Vision* can be found at Diocesan Website for Catholic Education, [www.dioceseofbrooklyn.org/schools](http://www.dioceseofbrooklyn.org/schools).

Since the introduction of *Preserving the Vision*, forty two academies have been established. These academies have governing boards that are responsible for their continued success, growth and development. The Boards of Directors are partnerships between and among the clergy and the committee laity, who work diligently to ensure the Catholic nature of each academy, academic excellence for the students and long-term viability.

The Diocese of Brooklyn has now taken the next logical step to *Preserving the Vision*. Diocesan officials, with the assistance of professional planners, have prepared a strategic plan to formalize the diocesan commitment to the academy model. We now have experienced the dynamism of the academy governance structure, and witnessed the commitment of dedicated clergy, religious and laity to the continued growth of Catholic education within our diocese.

The momentum of preserving and enhancing Catholic education within the Diocese of Brooklyn continues. Pastors, Parish Priests, Directors, Principals, Teachers, Support Staff

and Parents continue to work together for the benefit of Catholic education. We must continue to be proud of all our accomplishments and recognize the many contributions that everyone makes for Catholic education within the Diocese of Brooklyn.

To see the entire *Preserving the Vision* Strategic Plan 2011-2014, please visit [www.dioceseofbrooklyn.org/schools](http://www.dioceseofbrooklyn.org/schools).

I ask for the prayers of the diocesan faithful to ensure the success of this strategic plan and the success of Catholic school education in our parishes and neighborhoods for many generations to come.

I look forward to meeting with you soon to further dialogue the transition of your parish school to an Academy and *Preserving the Vision*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas Chadzutko". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Thomas Chadzutko, Ed.D.  
Superintendent