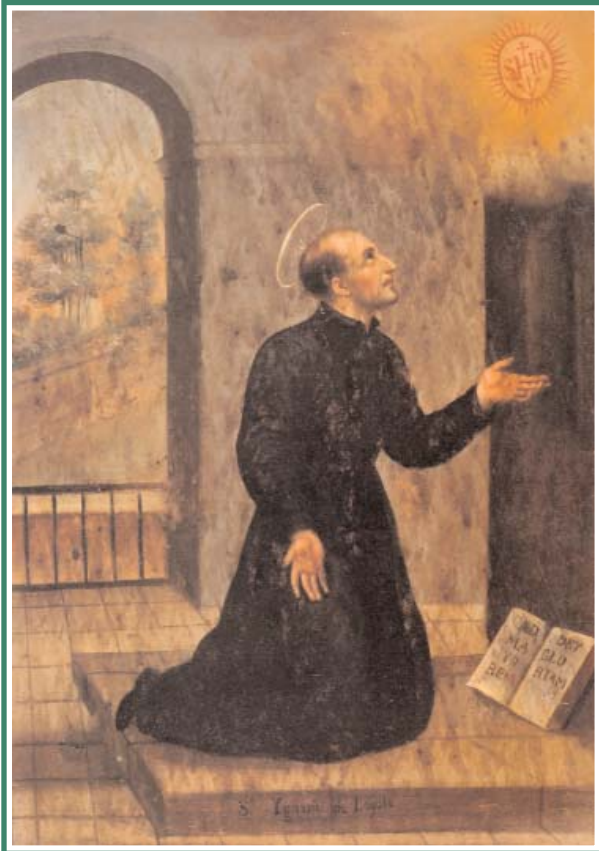


Strake Jesuit... For the Greater Glory



In 1540, in a world of changing borders, international intrigue, rising and falling economies, the explosion of new markets and unparalleled conflicts pitting science and religion against one another, a soldier experienced a vision that would change the course of history. Ignatius of Loyola turned from the mission of warrior to that of *"man for others,"* one who, in gratitude and joy, would proclaim the glory of God to all who would hear. Soon, a band of brothers was formed, men who would be called the "Jesuits." Educators, missionaries, scientists, theologians, advisors to popes, kings and presidents, these men, the Jesuits, left a stamp upon all that they touched. This stamp is found in the simple letters AMDG - *Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam - To the Greater Glory of God.*

In these simple four Latin words, there is a reminder and a call - that we should live our lives for the greater glory of God - to honor, praise and thank - the God who created this world for goodness, unity and love. Imagine raising our families, educating our children, governing our cities and nations, and conducting the commerce of our daily lives for the greater glory of God. This is the vision of the Jesuits, and to teach this lesson is their mission. With this Jesuit vision, the modern quest for power, wealth and knowledge is transformed into a desire to give glory to God by placing ourselves, our wealth and our knowledge at the service of others - especially those most in need of a helping hand.

In 1960, the Jesuits came to what was then far Southwest Houston to found an institution that would teach and shape young men to live and work for the greater glory of God. For over forty years, Strake Jesuit College Preparatory has been teaching and forming young men to live as men who honor one another, their neighbor and their God. This is the mission and the responsibility of Strake Jesuit College Preparatory.

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Young Men Fully Alive

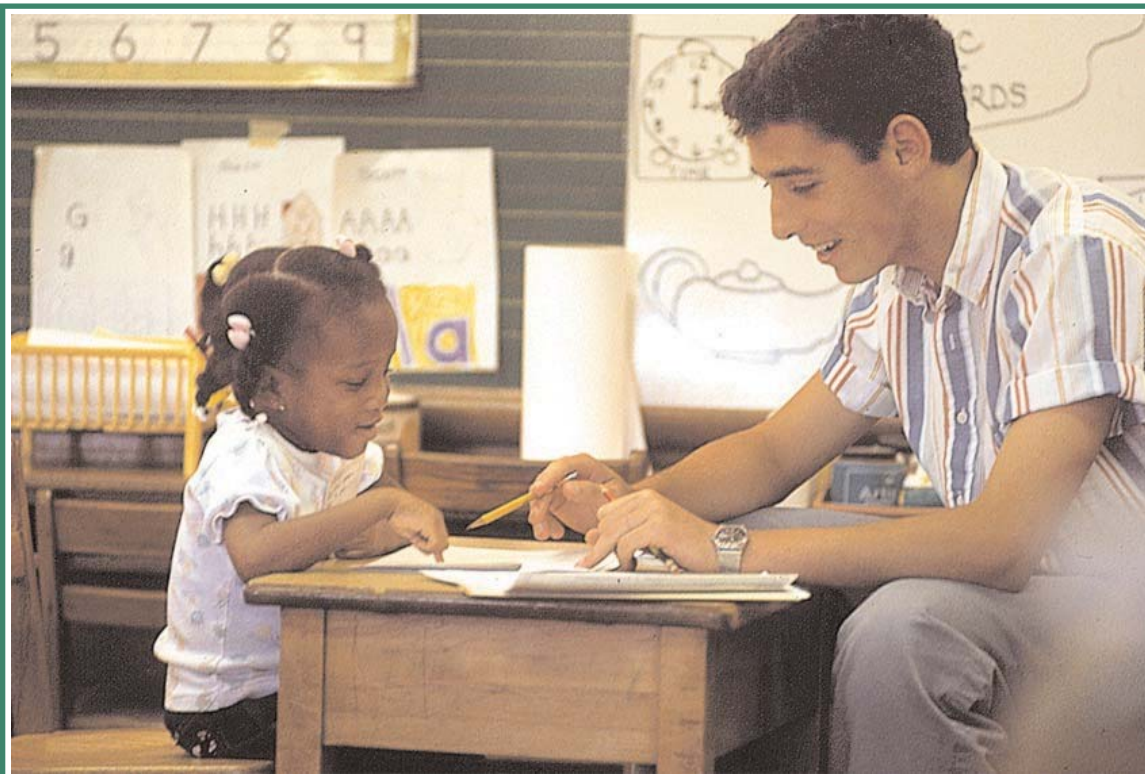
Four years is a brief time to shape such a life-changing vision in the soul of a teenage boy who is struggling to emerge as a young man. At Strake Jesuit, the formation of the character of these students is a goal that is addressed in the academic program, the spiritual and community service programs, extracurricular activities, the arts and athletics. The goal of this institution is not the simple implanting of college preparatory levels of knowledge of the arts and sciences. Well beyond knowledge, the goal is the formation of the whole person through all of the programs and activities of the school.

Almost fifteen hundred years before Ignatius' vision, another Ignatius, his namesake, served as bishop of the ancient Church at Antioch. This Ignatius wrote a letter that sheds a bright light on the purpose of Strake Jesuit

and the capital and endowment campaign now being launched. Ignatius of Antioch wrote, "*The glory of God is man fully alive.*" Young men for others, fully alive - aware of their calling, filled with knowledge, of noble character, enthusiastic, humbly accepting their missions of service and leadership in the adult community of men and women of many faiths, cultures and nations - these are the greater glories of God. *It is for this purpose that Strake Jesuit exists.* It is for this purpose that we embark on this mission of raising funds for the campus enhancement and the endowment of financial aid and faculty support.

Vision 2008

In the fall of 2002, the Strake Jesuit community enlisted the help of over 400 students, parents, past parents, alumni, religious leaders, educators and friends to help shape a strategic



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plan for the future. This planning process produced a number of concrete recommendations - from campus improvements to enhanced academic and extracurricular programming. The Vision 2008 process can be summarized under the Jesuit concept of the *Magis - the better way*. Vision 2008 was intended to be a plan that

helped the board, faculty and administration think of the better way to do what Strake Jesuit already does - provide a premier secondary education for college-bound students. Each of the campaign objectives outlined below is based on the concept of the Magis - the better way for Strake Jesuit to serve its students, families and the greater community.



The New Athletic Center - Student Union Complex

Central among the campus improvements at the heart of the Vision 2008 plan is the Athletic Center - Student Union Complex, 132,368 square feet of space dedicated to serving the lives of students outside of the academic classroom. At Strake Jesuit, athletics and

extracurricular activities aren't extras - these are central to the education philosophy that says there is a better way to educate the whole person. Competitive sports teach skills that translate to the corporate boardroom, the bench, operating room and the teacher's desk - leadership, self-sacrifice, commitment to goals, discipline, practice and achievement.

Extracurricular programs give students hands-on opportunities to serve others, to put their faith into action, to discuss and present ideals, and experiment with self-expression, each of which prepares men for the business of life and the life of business.

The proposed Athletic Center - Student Union complex will serve as the center of the campus,

housing student service and organization offices, the cafeteria/dining hall, bookstore, locker rooms, weight and training rooms and more. Not to be overlooked is the location of a chapel for daily masses, individual prayer and small group services.



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Strengthened for the Work Ahead - Athletics

Strake Jesuit is well-recognized for the achievements of its student athletes. Seventy percent of the student body participates in traditional interscholastic athletics or club sports. With multiple teams utilizing the same facilities and a weight room for which students stand in line, the Vision 2008 Committee saw a better way. The Athletic Center will provide expanded indoor sports practice, training and competition areas to include:

- Competition basketball courts
- Weight room with state of the art training equipment
- Indoor track
- New locker, shower and changing facilities
- Conference and instructional rooms
- Offices for the coaching staff and athletic director.

Dollar for dollar invested in this project will produce a state-of-the-art high school competition gym, suspended track, and space to support the championship athletic program of Strake Jesuit.

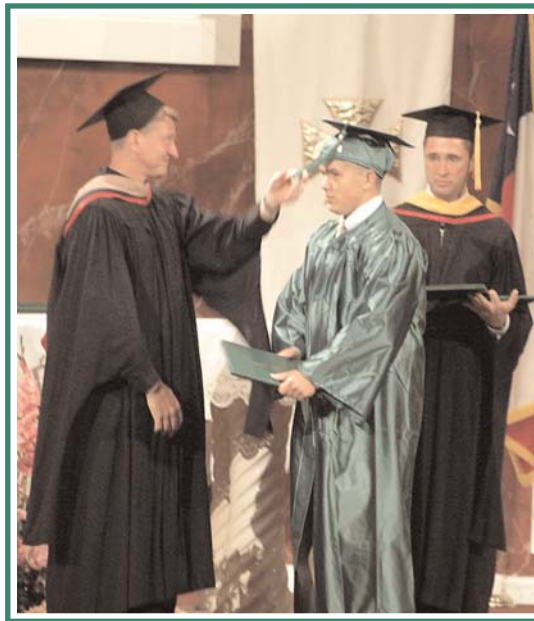
UIL...A Better Way

In early 2003, Strake Jesuit announced that its membership in the UIL had been accepted. The University Interscholastic League in Texas is the leading voluntary membership association that regulates and supervises interschool competition in the areas of athletics, speech, drama and music. Ranked as a 5A member of UIL,

Strake Jesuit will be challenged by its competitors to offer truly first-rate athletic and artistic performance spaces for its competitions. As one parent has remarked, "Becoming a member of the UIL will impact and raise the quality of the whole school." This new affiliation with some of Texas' best public schools creates some urgency that Strake Jesuit have athletic facilities that reflect its competitive rankings.

Empowered to Serve and Lead - The Student Union

The Jesuit philosophy of "Grad at grad" is concerned with the school's goal of producing graduates of character who are prepared to



serve and lead as they move into their college years and on to their adult lives. The proposed Student Union will house the dining hall, offices for student government, student service organizations and other student programs. The addition of this Student Union will create a new reference point for the campus. This will be the

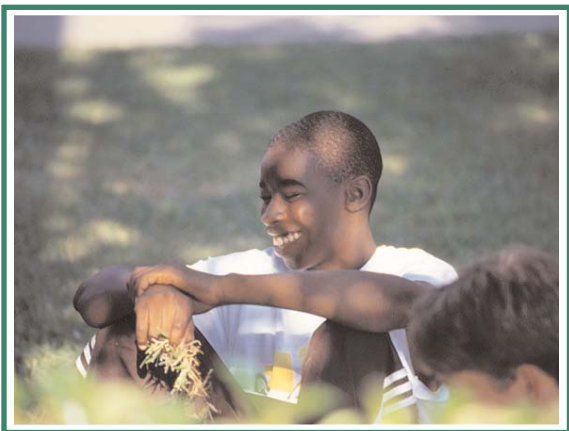


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place where students congregate before and after school and between classes. From the dining hall to the chapel, this will be the place where students come to be fed and nourished. The elements that will comprise the Student Union are an 850-seat dining hall serving students, faculty and staff and offices for Pastoral Ministries, student newspaper, yearbook, student government and well as Conference Rooms.

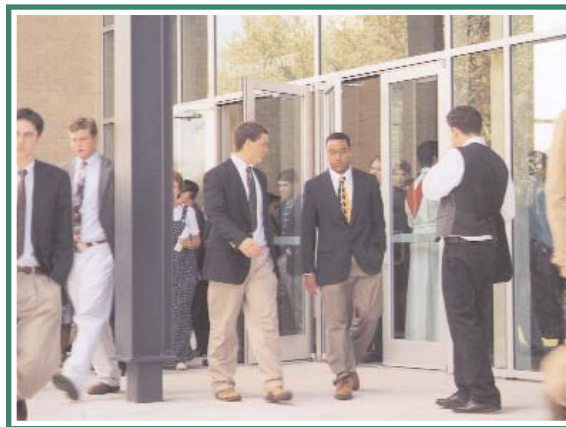
Daily Reflection and Gratitude - The Chapel

A principle of Jesuit spirituality is that God is not to be found in the grandiose or the most remarkable events of the world. On the contrary, *Jesuits teach that God is to be found in the ordinary.* With this in mind, the architectural



plans for the Athletic Center - Student Union complex do not call for a free-standing chapel separated from the other student-centered facilities. The proposed chapel is to be integrated into this complex so that students are reminded that God is to be found where they work, where they play and in the ordinary moments and events of their daily lives. The proposed chapel

will accommodate 100 people and will be accessible from both exterior doors facing the campus and the interior doors of the Student Union. Students, faculty and visitors will be able to drop in for a quick moment of prayer, an extended period of reflection or daily Mass.



Reaching Out - The Financial Aid Endowment

The special opportunities of the UIL, the new student organization spaces, the chapel, and the Strake Jesuit educational experience are not intended to be exclusive. At Strake Jesuit, the commitment to social justice is lived in the creation and the management of the annual budget. Each year, over 10% of the student body benefits from financial aid. This financial aid is funded through the Strake Jesuit Foundation that manages a \$4.5 million student aid endowment.

While making capital improvements, the better way is for Strake Jesuit to improve its care for its neediest students. In this way, the real riches of Strake Jesuit become not buildings and endowments, but a student body that is truly integrated and multifaceted. To this end, the campaign objectives include a \$2,000,000 addition to the student financial aid endowment.



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Preserving the Living Foundation - The Faculty Support Endowment

For over four hundred years, the vision and educational drive of the Jesuits has been kept alive through men and women, religious and lay, who have devoted and dedicated their lives to teaching. Through the last forty years, the mission of Strake Jesuit has been embodied in the teachers of math, science, history, literature, language and other subjects. They have seen teaching tools change from blackboards to smartboards. All along, the school has continued to be strong because of a commitment to faculty development. The campaign objectives call for \$2,000,000 in additional resources for a faculty development endowment. Based on projected

earnings, teachers will be awarded annual grants to support their continuing education or skill development, thereby maintaining the educational excellence that has come to be associated with schools bearing the name Jesuit.

Committed to the Greater Glory of God - The Capital Campaign

With these objectives in mind, the board of Strake Jesuit voted in March 2003 to proceed with a \$23 million capital campaign. This cam-

paign will involve board members, parents, alumni, foundations and friends in an effort to strengthen one of Houston's educational treasures. With over four hundred years of Jesuit history and forty years of Strake Jesuit history, this campaign looks forward to the next decades of service....*To the Greater Glory.*



education, service, and gratitude.

You, too, can help build "*Men for Others - Heart, Mind, Body and Soul.*"

An Invitation

You are invited to consider ways of participating in this effort to build, strengthen, and magnify the great institution that bears the name Strake Jesuit. Your financial commitments of one to three years can change the lives of countless young men whose lives will be shaped by the great Jesuit values of edu-



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