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AT LEAST NINE DISPLACED NEW ORLEANS STUDENTS TO ATTEND GEORGETOWN PREP FOR FREE

Prep offers to enroll 20 students from Jesuit High School

North Bethesda, Md. (Sept. 2, 2005) – Georgetown Preparatory School, an independent Jesuit high school for boys, has offered 20 tuition-free spots to high school students from Jesuit High School in flood-ravaged New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina destroyed the students' school and displaced their families. As of today, nine students have enrolled and are expected to start school on Tuesday, Sept. 6.

Georgetown Prep reached out to its fellow Jesuit school this week through the Jesuit Secondary Education Association after Katrina and the subsequent flooding devastated much of New Orleans, including Jesuit High School on Bank Street. The students were accepted to Prep without providing transcripts, a typical requirement for admission that would be impossible with New Orleans still suffering from black-outs, flooding, looting and incredible destruction.

Georgetown Prep is in a unique situation to help the displaced students because of the school's boarding facilities. About 100 of Prep's 447 students live on campus. Since Prep was already fully-enrolled, there is not space for all 20 of the Jesuit High School students to board at Prep. The majority of the New Orleans students have arranged to live with friends, family members or host families in the Washington, D.C. area. Accommodations are being made to house as many students as necessary on campus.

"Even though welcoming these students will be a sacrifice for us, it is truly a joy when we help our fellow schools in need," said the Rev. William L. George, S.J., president of Georgetown Prep. "I just know that Prep will be enriched by the boys from New Orleans and their families who will be joining us for a while."

Georgetown Preparatory School, situated on 90 acres in North Bethesda, Md., is an independent, Jesuit college-preparatory school for young men in grades nine through 12. The school was founded in 1789 by Archbishop John Carroll, S.J., the first Catholic Bishop of the United States. Georgetown Prep is America's oldest boarding and day school for young men, and the only Jesuit boarding school in the country. Approximately 100 of the school's 447 students are residents.

Jesuit High School, located in Orleans Parish in New Orleans, La., is an independent school for boys with an enrollment of approximately 1,400 in grades eight through 12.

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