



The 2010 Bishop's Gala

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San Juan Diego Catholic High School, "The School That Works," announces its 8th Annual Bishop's Gala

Leaders of San Juan Diego Catholic High School are thrilled to announce the 8th Annual Bishop's Gala, benefiting "The School That Works." This year's event will be held Friday, April 16, 2010, from 5-10 p.m., at the AT&T Executive Education and Conference Center at The University of Texas at Austin. The Honorary Event Chair is Dr. Judith Loredo, Assistant Commissioner of P-16 Initiatives for the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

San Juan Diego Catholic High School provides highly motivated students the opportunity to earn a Catholic, college preparatory education enriched by participation in a corporate work study program. San Juan Diego Catholic High School opened in August 2002 after Archbishop Gregory Aymond recognized the acute need for Catholic, college preparatory education in Austin. San Juan Diego is modeled after Cristo Rey Jesuit High School in Chicago, where students work in entry-level positions in the corporate world to earn part of their tuition. To date, San Juan Diego Catholic High School has graduated four classes of students, with 92% of alumni pursuing postsecondary studies.

The Bishop's Gala grew out of the Bishop's Dinner, first hosted by Archbishop Aymond in 2002. The Bishop's Gala has since grown into the school's major fundraiser. It is now one of the staple events on the social calendars each year of "who's who" in Austin's philanthropic community. Through table sponsorships and live and silent auctions, organizers project to raise at least \$200,000 in tuition assistance for low income students.

"We are excited to see what unfolds between now and the date of the Bishop's Gala," San Juan Diego Catholic High School Principal Pam Jupe says. "This year's event will be full of surprises, and will be our most widely attended gala in the history of the school."