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**2010-2011 St. Zachary Catholic School Student Enrollment  
Largest in Seven Years**

*New Full-Day Pre-K Opens to Meet Demand of Community*

September 21, 2010 (Des Plaines, IL) St. Zachary Catholic School announced today that its 2010 student enrollment is the largest since 2003. Due to overwhelming demand, St. Zachary opened its first full-day Pre-K class for four year olds. The grammar school has also retained 92% of its students that would normally depart for a public middle school -- grades sixth through eighth. With a total of 185 students, St. Zachary is growing strong while maintaining its academic excellence.

“In these tough economic times, parents still appreciate the value of a private Catholic education,” stated Miss Cathy Determann, St. Zachary principal. “Our academic program and faith-based teachings help build a child’s confidence and intellectual skills through encouragement, motivation and discipline.”

“I am excited to start a new full-day Pre-K program at St. Zachary,” commented Ms. Pamela Ptasinski, St. Zachary Pre-K teacher. “[Studies](#) have demonstrated that early childhood development has long lasting effects on the future academics and performance of a child.”

[St. Zachary](#) students have a variety of activities beyond academics. The school offers sports, music, band, choir, and altar-serving as well as family activities. Along with the new full-day Pre-K program, the school also provides half-day Pre-K along with before and after school care.

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For 47 years, St. Zachary has provided a quality Catholic education for Pre-K through eighth grade. With a 17:1 student-teacher ratio, each child is ensured individual attention where both traditional and engaged learning techniques are utilized. As a result, students consistently score above average on national achievement tests while developing confidence, respect and leadership skills. To promote a well-rounded education, extracurricular activities are provided such as athletics, music and computers. For more information please visit

[www.saintzacharyschool.org](http://www.saintzacharyschool.org) .

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