

OLPH Vision Statement 2009-2010

As the new school year quickly approaches, we continue to interview new families and register new students. There is much positive energy around the various programs and events that we have planned for our students. Children are excited about school and all the opportunities that it holds for them. Our regular school programs, along with a meaningful summer experience keep OLPH alive and available to students almost year-round.

It is my belief that when the school environment is clean, meaningful and welcoming, wonderful things can happen within. Learning takes place in many ways, not only in the classroom, but also in the community and the various experiences we can provide for our students right on our campus.

OLPH will be known for several key elements necessary for a comprehensive Catholic education:

1. The formation and spiritual development of its students as knowledgeable and practicing Catholics
2. Students understand their roles in the community and their leadership potential, striving to be the best they can be.
3. Positive growth and development in all areas of personal responsibility and respect for others, property and authority
4. Academic achievement in all areas, particularly in literacy and communication skills
5. Outstanding programs in mathematics and science.
6. A school where students learn and understand good sportsmanship and also are able to compete successfully in all academic areas
7. Environmental education provides students with opportunities to become meaningful stewards of the earth and its resources

The majority of the families with children at OLPH have financial challenges. The educational opportunities afforded the students in our school truly only happen because of the philanthropic goodness of our benefactors, donors, and foundations that want this school to succeed. Without this help, OLPH would pass out of existence. The future of many children, families, our city and state will ultimately be affected by what we do now for this community. During this time of economic challenge, it is more important than ever for us all to be proactive in our pursuit of making this school known for all the potential that is here. It is very important for us to be nurturing new interest in the value of education at OLPH and also generating new interest in the greater community to support our mission as a viable Catholic school in Dallas.

I wish to thank you for all the support and encouragement each of you have given to me personally as the principal of the school for the past two years. I look forward to continuing to develop OLPH into a school that will make a difference in the coming years in the Dallas community. I also want to thank you for all the hard work you have done to help us find funding sources. To ensure our future at OLPH we must continue to work to contact people who want to give our children a real chance in education.

As I begin my third year as principal of Our Lady of Perpetual Help School, I am thankful for the past two years and am excited about the possibilities for offering our students learning experiences at every level that can change their lives. We are so blessed to have the great support OLPH has in the parish and greater Dallas community, as well as a powerful faculty, staff and Advisory Council. With great anticipation, I look forward to another school year filled with meaningful learning experiences, positive challenges and a year of spiritual growth.

Sincerely in Christ,

J. Daniel Quill
Principal—Our Lady of Perpetual Help School