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**Saint Albert Announces Tuition for 2010-2011 School Year**

At an annual State of the School meeting on Feb. 22, Saint Albert President James Rouse highlighted a vision for the school that is multi-faceted, and is aimed at making the excellent school even better.

Some of the aspects of the long-range plan include improving student performance, keeping a handle on tuition charges, working diligently to increase enrollment at all levels of the school, focusing efforts to grow the endowment and fund-raising, and increasing outreach to graduates.

Rouse also provided a financial snapshot of the school that illustrated its three sources of income: fund-raising (30 percent of revenue); parish support (26 percent of revenue); and tuition (44 percent of revenue).

Rouse said the preliminary budget does include a modest tuition increase for 2010-2011 – an overall average of three percent. The increase ranges from \$9 per month (based on 10 months) at the PreK-6<sup>th</sup> grade levels to \$15 per month at the 12<sup>th</sup> grade level. In order to keep tuition affordable with the increase, Rouse encouraged families to become involved in the programs that increase non-tuition revenue sources such as the school's Scrip program, new family referral bonus, and support from the Catholic Tuition Organization.

Rouse added that work is still underway to complete the fund-raising for the elementary school addition on the school's Gleason Avenue campus. Nearly \$1.75 million has been raised in the completion phase, bringing the school to approximately 80 percent of the \$8.5 million construction total.

“It would be unrealistic to think that the state of the economy has not impacted Saint Albert Catholic Schools in the same way that has affected many other schools, parishes, businesses and government agencies,” Rouse said. “We will review every facet of our operation, including timely collection of revenues, increased fund-raising and adjustments to staffing expenses in order to balance the budget.”

Rouse noted that while the school’s administration will continue to be challenged to streamline processes and operate more efficiently, the same great academic tradition – integrated with religious and family values – will continue to be available to families at Saint Albert.

“The excitement of our new campus, technology and programs is shared by our students, parents and staff alike. We will respond as a community to protecting and passing this unique educational opportunity on to future generations,” he said.

Saint Albert Schools is the only Catholic grade school and K-12 system in the State of Iowa or Nebraska that is both state and regionally accredited. Committed to the teachings of the Catholic church, the mission of Saint Albert Schools is to foster spiritual, moral, physical and intellectual growth for all students.