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Dear Parents and Friends,

Accreditation lays the groundwork for success for schools and students. When a school achieves accreditation, parents and the community can be assured that student achievement will increase, that children are learning in a safe and enriching environment, and that the school's overall operational vitality is sound. Moreover, qualified teachers are employed who work diligently to improve their methods, focus on student learning, and ensure a rigorous, diverse, and sound curriculum based on quality standards.

Our Lady of the Holy Rosary- St. Richard Catholic School seeks accreditation every seven years from the Florida Catholic Conference of Catholic Bishops which serves as liaison to the state and federal government on matters of concern to the Catholic Church in the seven dioceses of the Province of Miami. The organization acts as a nonpartisan public policy voice on behalf of the Catholic Bishops of Florida.

We are happy to report that our school was fully accredited during the visit from the Florida Catholic Council Accreditation Team on May 12th and 13th. The team consisted of three assistant principals from other Archdiocesan schools. The process consisted of examining our school in the following areas: Catholic Identity, Governance and Leadership, Academic Excellence, and Operational Vitality. Every teacher was observed during this visit and meetings took place with our priests, administration, parents, and students. The team used the National Standards and Benchmarks for Effective Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools to rate us. An Action Plan was developed by our faculty and staff and was approved by the accreditation team as well as the superintendent of schools. This plan will be implemented in phases for the next five years. For more information about the benchmarks, please visit www.catholicstandards.org.

Please join me in congratulating our entire faculty, staff, and student body on a job well done!

GO KNIGHTS!!!

Yours in Christ through Mary,

Mrs. Ilma Ninnette Lozano
Principal