INTRODUCTION

We, the Visiting Team, appreciate the opportunity to witness your community of faith and learning and are grateful for your generous spirit of hospitality. We are particularly grateful for the time we shared with the school community at the Eucharistic liturgy and after school social.

The Visiting Team recognizes the vision of the principal, Mrs. Laura Hirschman. We witnessed her dedication to offering the best educational environment, accompanied with high expectations for her faculty and for the students of South City Catholic Academy. Her impact in fostering a positive and collaborative learning environment is clearly evident. We commend her zeal in encouraging advanced educational practices.

The Visiting Team wishes to thank the steering committee and the committee members for the time and dedication they contributed to completing the School Improvement Process document. Their hard work and discernment produced the foundation for goals needed to further strengthen the mission of South City Catholic Academy. We are especially grateful for the efforts of Mrs. Pam Miller, Director of Faith Formation, in her role as the chair of the steering committee.

The Visiting Team would also like to thank Father Craig Holway, pastor designate and pastor of St. Joan of Arc Parish, Father Sebastian Mundackal, pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Mrs. Margaret Karl, Director of AES/South City Catholic Academy and all the other members of the school and parish communities who contributed to the work of the School Improvement Process.

The Visiting Team wishes to thank the faculty and staff for their willingness to open their classrooms and share ideas during the team visit. Their pride in the school and the overall positive school culture were evident to the Visiting Team. Their dedication to the children and commitment to support one another is commendable.

We offer a word of thanks and praise to the students and parents of South City Catholic Academy. You have every right to be proud of your community, which is dedicated to educating young people to become respectful, responsible Catholics. South City Catholic Academy truly reflects a renaissance in Catholic education and provides an environment where students are encouraged to live out the Gospel, work for justice, and serve all of God’s people.