



## Nativity School of Worcester

Viewpoint - Summer 2009

### *James Hayes, S.J.: A Nativity Perspective*



Dear

friends,

When I became rector of the Jesuit Community of Holy Cross, I was provided the opportunity to serve on the board of the Nativity School of Worcester. This small school sprung from the dedication of the Holy Cross community where I live and work, as well as from many other passionate people who had never set foot on our campus -- all contributing in incredible ways. Michael McFarland, Holy Cross' President, served as the first chairman of the board, and many of our faculty and staff were generous in giving their time, talent, and treasure to launch this little school. After graduating three eighth-grade classes, the school moved from temporary quarters to its own building in January 2009. I have witnessed many miracles in this school and I have been so impressed with the young people involved. We are now preparing for accreditation and trying to pay off the loan for the building. God is looking after this little school.

This is a tuition-free school for boys wanting to succeed. They spend eleven-hour days, eleven months per year in programs that are making an enormous difference in

their lives. Each of the graduating eighth graders has been accepted into private schools for the coming year. One of our graduates who grew up in modest circumstances within the shadows of Worcester Academy will have a full scholarship there beginning this fall. Others are attending St. John's in Shrewsbury, the Bancroft School, Noble & Greenough and a number of other wonderful places that will continue to open the world to them.

Something good is happening at Nativity Worcester and I wanted you to know about it. Please come see the school in action if you haven't already. It is a truly memorable experience. And if there is any way that you could support the Nativity School in a small way, I would be grateful. Many thanks for listening.

Peace, Jim

-James Hayes, S.J,  
Rector, Jesuit Community of Holy Cross  
Nativity School of Worcester Trustee

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Summer Session 2009:  
"Be the Change You Wish to See in the  
World"  
-Mahatma Gandhi



If you were a student at Nativity School of  
Worcester this summer, you could have done  
the following:



\*Designed a house using the concepts of area and perimeter

\*Learned about the importance of youth literacy

\*Made spaghetti and strawberry pies for Jeremiah's Inn

\*Spent time with veterans, learning about their experiences during and after service

\*Learned about hunger in our community

\*Gone white-water rafting in Maine

\*Read *That was Then, This is Now*, by S.E. Hinton

\*Learned how non-profit organizations work as part of the Highland Street Foundation's youth philanthropy program

Many thanks to all of our supporters who helped make this learning experience possible!

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Thank you for your interest in our special school. We greatly appreciate your support of Nativity and, as always, invite you to drop in at the school to meet our exceptional students.

Sincerely,

The Faculty & Staff  
Nativity School of Worcester