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Campion College Celebrates 50th Anniversary

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January 5, 2010, will mark the 50th anniversary of the Jesuit high school, Campion College, in Kingston, Jamaica, and the school has much to celebrate indeed. Campion has made tremendous strides from its early beginnings as a private preparatory school in 1943 and its launch as a boys' high school with only 105 students some 17 years later, to its current standing as the premier high school in the island with some 1,400 students.

Some of the highlights in the history of the school are: the transition from a private school to a grant-aided, coeducational public school in 1976; the school being named the top high school in the country based on its examination results over several years; and its graduates receiving numerous national and international awards and scholarships to tertiary institutions, including 12 prestigious Rhodes Scholarships.

The Society of Jesus was instrumental in the establishment of Campion College, and Jesuits have served as valuable members of staff over the years, ensuring that both academic standards were met and a strong sense of the faith was imparted. Currently, teacher Fr. Joseph MacWade, SJ, and Chairman of the School Board, Fr. Peter McIsaac, SJ, continue this tradition of service and sacrifice to the school alongside Catholic Principal Mrs. Grace Baston and her able team of teachers and administrators.

In celebration of this important milestone, Campion College will be hosting a Solemn Eucharistic Celebration on January 9, 2010, and will be launching its Vision 2020 Campaign to build a much-needed modern library media centre at the school.

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Campion Hall, the original school building, was recently restored and now houses a chapel and the guidance department.