

National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence Announcement
September 15, 2009

Congratulatory Remarks by Dr. Linda Anthony, Lower School Principal

Thank you, Mayor Galambos, for taking time from your busy schedule to present our school with the National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence award. Holy Spirit Prep is so proud to be a part of the Sandy Springs community and we appreciate the many ways in which you support our students.

In just 13 years our school has evolved from a fledgling elementary school to a dynamic learning community. Holy Spirit Prep's motto quotes Jesus who said: "I have come to serve, not to be served." This states our education goal, which is at the heart of our school program. Each child is taught to recognize God as the center of their lives, and works to develop God-given gifts as fully as possible. Students learn to be drawn into selfless service to Him through their fellow human beings.

And now I want to take this opportunity to thank the community whose selflessness has brought us to this place today:

Monsignor Dillon, for your vision of a Catholic education for our boys and girls, and for your tireless efforts to turn that vision into a reality;

To Archbishop Donohue and Father Paul, for your ongoing support of our school, and for the spiritual leadership and guidance you have provided us;

To Mr. Genner, for your commitment to the success of every student at HSP, from preschool through high school;

To our faculty, staff and administrators, who so unselfishly fulfill the mission of our school every day through your dedication to our students;

To our parent community, for your ongoing support and for the sacrifices you make to provide the gift of a Catholic education to your children, a gift that will bear fruit throughout their lifetimes;

And a special thank-you to our precious students; May the Holy Spirit continue to watch over you and guide you as you grow in wisdom and virtue, and in love of God and one another.