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THE RAYMOND J. CALLAHAN, S.J., SERVICE AWARD

Raymond J. Callahan, S.J. came to Nativity Prep as Executive Director after having served as President at Loyola Academy H.S. in Chicago and Boston College H.S. in Dorchester. His life was defined by a commitment to justice and a belief in the power of education to transform lives and change the world.

Fr. Callahan described his time at Nativity as the closest he came to doing “God’s work” – because Nativity made the greatest difference in the lives of the students and the community.

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JOE GALEOTA

Wednesday, March 7, 2012

Boston College High School, 150 Morrissey Boulevard, Dorchester, MA
6:00pm Cocktail Reception | **6:45pm** Dinner

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About the *Honoree*

Following a circuitous route that took him from BC High to The Josephite Fathers Seminary to Catholic University, Joe Galeota joined National Teacher Corps in the mid 1960's. As a member of this cutting-edge group, he taught in the District of Columbia Public Schools before returning to Boston in 1974. He taught in various Boston Public schools until 1981, when massive lay-offs forced him to retool his career as a technical writer for Raytheon and technical editor for Computervision.

He returned to BPS in 1986 as a 7th/8th grade math teacher at Dorchester's Frank V. Thompson Middle School, where he received the Golden Apple Award. During this time he began working – ultimately for 17 years – on Saturdays for Boston College's College-Bound Program to enhance high school students' attractiveness to college admissions. During his time at the Thompson he became involved with presenting math on cable television, a live show taking phone calls from students having trouble with math homework. Twenty-two years later he still explains the quadratic formula to frustrated callers.

He retired much too early from the BPS when his beloved Thompson closed in 2003. Having always entertained a notion to return to his cherished Our Lady of Lourdes stomping grounds in Jamaica Plain, where the Sisters of St. Joseph had educated thousands of children like himself living in 3-deckers teeming with Irish immigrants, he was delighted to join the Nativity Prep staff in 2008 to teach his favorite subject, math.

From his 39-year marriage to his Cleveland-born wife Ginny have come four daughters, Rebecca, Stephanie, Cecelia, and Katie. The first went to Holy Cross, while the last three chose Boston College for their undergraduate degrees – indeed all inculcated with the Jesuit tradition of magis, “the more”.