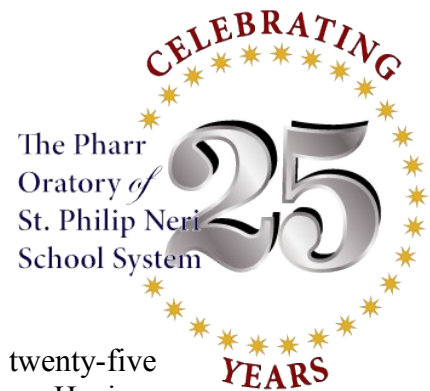


May 15, 2008



Dear Students,

This anniversary year, 2007-2008, was a very special one in the twenty-five year history of the Pharr Oratory of St. Philip Neri School System. Having been the Directress that first year, the fall of 1983, I have seen the miracles our Lord, through the intercession of Our Lady and St. Philip Neri, has bestowed upon the Pharr Oratory Schools. We have gone from fifteen students in the living room of Casa Maria, an Oratorian counseling home for women built on Rancho Blanco Road, to six hundred and eighty students enrolled for the 2008-2009 academic year in our newly constructed administration building, library, and primary and secondary wings. Through these years, the surrounding faith and business communities have continued to grow in their commitment to see a two-campus system become one campus on 1407 West Moore, In Pharr Texas. Through time, the sacrifice of a few Oratorians, laity and clergy, became the miracle of the Pharr Oratory of St. Philip Neri Catholic School System, PK3 – 12<sup>th</sup> grades.

To the Kindergarten, Eighth Grade, and Senior Graduates, I would like to extend my warmest and most sincere congratulations! God bless you and your families for choosing a dual language Catholic education that offered a quality education and most importantly a Catholic environment whereby you were able to receive the sacraments and celebrate the Holy Mass.

“Out of the shadows of darkness and into the light” is the motto of our Oratorian schools. During your life’s journey, avoid the darkness of ignorance and poverty of spirit, and reach for the light of God’s grace that will continue to guide you down the path of wisdom and salvation. May the joy of our patron, St. Philip Neri, find its home in your heart forever. In closing, remember to keep the Pharr Oratory Schools always in your prayers, and know you will forever be in ours.

Yours in Christ and St. Philip Neri,  
G. Yvonne Pérez, President