



**BERGEN CATHOLIC
HIGH SCHOOL**

Office of the President

February 14, 2012

Dear Alumnus,

On April 28, 2011, The Christian Brothers' Institute and The Christian Brothers of Ireland, Inc. filed for reorganization under Chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York. This was a painful decision for the Christian Brothers to make. They believe that they had no other choice given their finite resources. They seek to fairly compensate all victims of sexual abuse by members of their religious community through a single process to be established by the Bankruptcy Court.

Within the next few days, you may be receiving a legal notice from the debtors' claims agent, Omni Management. We are writing to you so that you will understand why you will be receiving this legal notice and to provide certain assurances.

We were required by the Bankruptcy Court to provide the names and current addresses for all our graduates through the class of 2010. The debtors need this contact information so they can send a legal notice to our graduates in case they have a claim of sexual abuse against the Christian Brothers.

The Bar Date has been set for August 1, 2012. All claims of sexual abuse against the Christian Brothers must be filed with the court by this date. The Court has ordered the Christian Brothers to keep your contact information strictly confidential. Similarly, it is also our understanding that proof of claims, for both the alleged victim and accused Brothers will not become public.

To our knowledge, there have been no credible claims of sexual abuse against Bergen Catholic High School.

We want to assure you that we have a zero tolerance policy on child sexual abuse and continue to take aggressive steps to protect each student here at Bergen Catholic. All of our faculty and staff undergo criminal background checks and education training on sexual abuse. We have been and we remain committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our students to grow and develop academically, spiritually and personally.

Please also note that, as a separately incorporated entity, Bergen Catholic High School is neither involved in nor affected by this filing. Its assets are not available to the debtors or to any of the debtors' creditors for the payment of claims. You can be confident that Bergen Catholic will continue providing the highest quality education based on its Catholic faith and traditions of the Edmund Rice Christian Brothers.

While we cannot speak on behalf of the Christian Brothers, their legal representatives or the Court, please feel free to contact me at 201.261.1844 to answer any of your questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Brother Brian M. Walsh,
President