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### Resurrection School Dedicated

#### *A Vision Brought to Life*

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"We have come to reclaim this neighborhood," said Bishop J. Terry Steib, S.V.D. at the June 1 blessing and dedication of Resurrection Catholic School. "We have come to bring a vision to life."

A procession of nearly 100 people began at the Church of the Resurrection and made their way across the street to the newly built Resurrection School, led by the church choir. Dozens of people carried crucifixes they had donated for the classrooms. As Bishop Steib blessed each classroom, the donors hung their crucifixes on the wall to be blessed as well.

"There is a sense of hope and vision with this school that I believe will profoundly impact this community," said Bishop Steib. "The vision is not just this building, but the opportunity for all of us to grow spiritually, socially and educationally."

Resurrection School is located across the street from the Church of the Resurrection in Hickory Hill. The eighth Jubilee School for the Diocese of Memphis has been serving students since 2006 to provide quality Catholic education for families including the growing Hispanic community in the area.

In August, the students will begin classes in the new building, which was recently completed. The facility includes classrooms and offices. The building sits on ten acres at the corner of Newberry and Emerald. The facility was designed by architect Joe Barnett and built by Montgomery Martin, General Contractor.

Dr. Rafael Rondon, who serves as principal of the school and as chair of the Building Committee, said this day is a miracle that has been a long time coming. "This is a great day for the diocese, for the families of Resurrection School and for the neighborhood. I thank each and every person who brought us to this day."

Father Ernie DeBlasio, pastor of the Church of the Resurrection said, "I am grateful to Bishop Steib and Dr. Mary McDonald for the support given to this project by the diocese. This beautiful school will serve those in the diocese for years to come, making a difference in the lives of many."

"I am grateful to Bishop Steib for sharing his vision with all of us," said Dr. Mary McDonald, Superintendent of Catholic Schools. "I am grateful to all those whose labors of love give life to that vision and to our donors who believe in the great gift of Catholic education. Most of all, I am grateful to God for leading us to this day."

For more information about Resurrection School or the Jubilee Schools, call the Catholic Schools Office at 901-373-1219.