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THE ST. LOUIS MOSAIC PROJECT ADDS ITS EIGHTH SCHOOL TO AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

ST. LOUIS, MO - The St. Louis Mosaic Project is excited to welcome Holy Trinity Catholic School as its eighth member of the Ambassador Schools Program. Holy Trinity's induction as an Ambassador School connects it to a network of likeminded institutions that seek to foster a more globally minded, internationally inclusive school community. The Mosaic Project, whose goal is to make St. Louis the fastest growing region for international talent by 2020, places great importance in creating a community that has the resources to retain immigrant families and Mosaic Ambassador Schools play a vital role in this endeavor.

According Vin Ko, program manager at the St. Louis Mosaic Project, "schools like Holy Trinity are making it easier for our international families to settle in our communities. Each of our Mosaic Ambassador Schools are promoting a welcoming and inclusive environment which has a significant impact on both native born and foreign born families."

Holy Trinity Catholic School serves two additional parishes in North County – All Souls, Our Lady of the Presentation and has a strong record of supporting and strengthening its international school community. Holy Trinity currently engages in a number of action items that are aligned with the Mosaic Project's goals that highlight the influence varying cultures have had on our everyday interactions. Holy Trinity also incorporates the cultural history of Africa, Brazil and the Caribbean into their curriculum. All students, K-8, learn Spanish as a core subject and a Hispanic liaison is provided for families and students.

Moving forward, Holy Trinity will begin a "Madrinas Program" as a mentorship program for students. Holy Trinity's student body, 30% of which come from Hispanic heritage, will have

access to a full time English Tutoring Project that will accommodate those in need of English language acquisition. In addition to offering a broader range of services to their student body, Holy Trinity plans to increase the bilingual representation of its teaching staff to accommodate a variety of languages.

About the St. Louis Mosaic Project

The St. Louis Mosaic Project was launched in 2012 in response to an economic impact report, outlining St. Louis to be lagging in immigrant growth as well as highlighting the economic benefits of increasing its foreign-born population. The Mosaic Project's goal is to transform St. Louis into the fastest growing metropolitan area for immigration by 2020 and promote regional prosperity through immigration and innovation. This regional initiative is professionally managed by the St. Louis Economic Development Partnership., World Trade Center St. Louis and a 22- Member Committee.

For more information about The St. Louis Mosaic Project, please visit www.StlMosaicProject.org