

## **Why send your child to VOL?**

### **What makes VOL different from other schools?**

- ✓ **Choosing a Catholic education for your child is an indication of your commitment to seek the best. Catholic schools generally show superior performance as compared with public schools. Additionally, teachings based on Christian values will strengthen your child's ability to cope in today's world and give children a foundation to grow and develop into faith-filled young adults.**
- ✓ **All students use the new, 32,000 square foot multi-purpose building on a regular basis. P.E. classes, sporting events, plays, band recitals, and grade level activities are just a few of the many ways this new facility is used. Additionally, the Pre K- 3 & 4 year olds utilize rooms on the first floor of this building along with an enclosed outside play area. The 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders use the six classrooms on the second floor.**
- ✓ **Accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) was a huge milestone for VOL. Accreditation is not a onetime accomplishment but an ongoing process. Accreditation ensures that our students, teachers, and school facilities meet higher standards than a non accredited school. SACS accreditation requires that yearly goals be submitted along with verifying documentation of accomplishments and progress on ways to improve our school. An outside quality assurance team of educators review our yearly improvement plan to ensure progress. During the 2012-2013 school year, a full 3 day review is again scheduled.**
- ✓ **The average class size at VOL is 25 students. This low student/teacher ratio provides for more individualized attention for students. In addition, all Pre Kindergarten, Kindergarten, and 1<sup>st</sup> grade classes have a teacher assistant to aid in addressing individual needs of students.**
- ✓ **For the past five years VOL's student enrollment has increased or remained consistent. We are one of the few schools in the Archdiocese of New Orleans to experience growth in recent years.**
- ✓ **VOL is the only school on the Westbank and one of only a few in the entire Archdiocese of New Orleans to provide a program for students with special learning needs in the area of Language Arts.**
- ✓ **In an effort to attract and maintain highly qualified teachers, Visitation has made a commitment to work on increasing the salaries of its teachers. For the upcoming school year, VOL teachers will be among the top paid Catholic school teachers on the Westbank.**
- ✓ **The base tuition rate for the 2012 – 2013 is set at \$3,425 and is comparable with all the other Catholic schools on the Westbank. Spending less than \$19.75 a day for a Catholic education is a true bargain with all that Visitation has to offer.**
- ✓ **Visitation provides year round options to parents by offering summer remediation classes and enrichment programs.**