LOYOLA HIGH SCHOOL BREAKS GROUND ON
NEW XAVIER CENTER AS
$34 MILLION CAPITAL CAMPAIGN REACHES A MILESTONE
AT JESUIT PREP SCHOOL

Board Chairman Rick Caruso Digs into Historic 1901 Venice Boulevard Soil
Sweeping Renovation Begins

LOS ANGELES, CA, JUNE 13, 2019 -- Loyola High School of Los Angeles, the oldest continually operated educational institution in Southern California, announced today that on Tuesday, June 11, it broke ground on a new historic project that will transform the 21-acre campus. With more than 100 guests attending, Loyola Board Chairman Rick Caruso led the ceremonial celebration that kicked off the rebuilding of Xavier, scheduled for completion in late 2020.

“To inspire our students to become future leaders, we must be able to provide them with state-of-the-art facilities that contribute to a thriving educational and spiritual community. After years of thoughtful planning, forward-thinking design decisions and very generous support from our donors, the 21st-century Xavier will become a reality,” said Fr. Gregory M. Goethals, SJ ’73, President. “Thanks to the 1901 Venice Boulevard $34 million capital campaign, we will not only build a new Xavier that better serves our entire community, but will also transform Hayden Circle and the front entrance of campus which welcomes all of Los Angeles to Loyola and add a Veterans’ Wall of Honor honoring past and future Cub veterans.”

The new building will serve as an enhanced liturgical, educational and special events space for its more than 200 yearly functions, serving thousands of young men and families from all over Los Angeles. The reimagining of Xavier will expand the building’s square footage to over 26,000 gross sq. ft. and will include a learning environment with the latest technology, promoting collaboration and innovation. It will feature:

- Hidden, operable walls, allowing for multiple events to occur simultaneously
- High-tech integrated communications and AV systems
- A banquet kitchen, capable of serving 800 guests
- A food service kitchen for students
- A dedicated sacristy to service liturgies

“Working alongside Loyola’s administration, sharing its vision for the 1901 Venice Boulevard project and helping to shepherd it in its continued path of
excellence, Loyola’s Board enthusiastically endorses this immensely important initiative,” said Loyola Chairman of the Board Rick Caruso. “My family and I are honored to support this project and the wonderful legacy of a Loyola Jesuit Catholic education.”

The Xavier project will also include a new front entrance gate that will enhance the security of the campus as it continues to be the thriving educational environment it has been for over 100 years at 1901 Venice Boulevard. In addition, Hayden Circle will be redesigned and landscaped, showcasing the six guiding characteristics that a Loyola student should embody at graduation. And, buttressing Xavier, the Veterans’ Wall of Honor will be a dedicated space honoring the names of Cubs that have served our country and continue to do so.

About Loyola High School
Celebrating its 153rd anniversary as the oldest continually operated educational institution in Southern California, Loyola High School of Los Angeles is an academically rigorous Jesuit college preparatory, located just west of downtown Los Angeles and counts with more than 16,000 alumni worldwide. Loyola's student body of nearly 1,250 young men represents a remarkable geographic diversity, drawing on over 200 zip codes from throughout and beyond Los Angeles County. The school is also ethnically diverse with 46 percent of the student body of Latino, Asian-Pacific or African-American descent. To enable students to achieve the goal of being "Men for and with Others," Loyola students must complete at least 140 hours of community service work before graduation, with many contributing nearly 200 hours. Over the past two decades, Loyola students have donated more than 1.7 million hours of community service, primarily to inner-city schools, neighborhoods and agencies. Please visit us at http://www.loyolahs.edu.

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