

## **CBA KICKS OFF CAPITAL CAMPAIGN WITH \$1 MILLION PLEDGE**

### ***School Hopes to Raise Funds for Endowment, Facilities Improvements***

*Dewitt, NY* – Christian Brothers Academy (CBA) today announced the receipt of a \$1 million pledge from an anonymous donor to support the school's endowment fund. This significant pledge sets the pace as the school kicks off the public phase of "To Be The Best," a comprehensive capital campaign to raise \$11 million in support of an increased endowment fund, renovated academic facilities, improvements to the athletic fields, and sustainability of CBA's Annual Fund.

"We are so grateful for a gift of this magnitude which will help us meet the needs of CBA students today and in the future," said Brother Thomas Zoppo, FSC, principal. "The generosity of this donor – who, though not an alumnus of the school, is strongly committed to the Lasallian mission – is a terrific boost to our capital campaign and will allow us to extend the benefits of a Lasallian education to those qualified students who may not otherwise be able to afford it."

CBA's endowment fund currently provides financial assistance to over one-third of its 750 students. In order to meet the needs of low and middle-income families seeking a CBA education for their children, school officials expect, as a result of this campaign, to be able to provide \$1 million annually in financial aid within five years.

Additional funds raised through "To Be the Best" will support renovations to the cafeteria and library, as well as technological upgrades. This piece of the campaign also will fund much needed improvements to existing athletic fields, which no longer adequately support students participating in physical education classes and as members of the school's 60 varsity, junior varsity and modified sports teams. Plans include synthetic turf for John G. Alibrandi Stadium as well as renovations needed to improve drainage and space issues on adjacent fields. A percentage of the campaign's goal also is intended to support CBA's Annual Fund, a vital source of revenue for the school which helps manage tuition costs.

For more information on "To Be the Best," contact CBA's Development Office at 315-446-5960 X1139.

*Founded in 1900, Christian Brothers Academy, 6245 Randall Rd., Dewitt, NY, is the premiere, private, co-educational Catholic college preparatory in Central New York welcoming all qualified students in grades seven through 12.*