

# Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

**WHEREAS**, on September 4, 1962, the Diocese of St. Augustine opened Tampa Catholic High School to serve the needs of Catholic education for the parish families of Hillsborough County, Florida and was guided by its founding President, John F. Scully and staffed by Diocesan Priests, the Dominican Sisters of Adrian, Michigan and dedicated lay personnel; and

**WHEREAS**, the 1965-1966 school year for Tampa Catholic High School celebrated the graduation of its first class of 51 seniors, a full squad for a football team, and the changing of the school colors to green and white, and the school mascot from the Colts to the **Crusaders**; and

**WHEREAS**, Tampa Catholic High School became fully accredited in 1968 by the Southern Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges, and throughout the 1970's the institution grew substantially, increasing to a nine-building campus stretching over 40 acres. In 2003, in addition to upgrades to the campus, Bishop Robert N. Lynch dedicated the new Archbishop Joseph P. Hurley Science & Technology Center and the new Blessed Edmund Rice Chapel; and

**WHEREAS**, a ministry of the Diocese of St. Petersburg, Tampa Catholic High School is entrusted to dedicated religious and laity, and its mission includes the nurturing of academic, spiritual, and personal growth, while promoting life-long learning and commitment to service and justice; and

**WHEREAS**, the ultimate goal of the Tampa Catholic High School community is the development of the whole person with Christ as the model and His Spirit as the source of strength, and students are encouraged to establish and develop their growth — spiritually, physically, morally, emotionally, socially and intellectually — rooted and grounded in their relationship with Jesus Christ; and

**WHEREAS**, since 1962 Tampa Catholic High School has had a tradition of *Faith, Excellence and Family*, and on September 20, 2012 the school will celebrate its **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** with a Rededication Mass held on the Tampa Catholic campus in Crusader Hall.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim September 20, 2012 as

## “TAMPA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL DAY”

in the City of Tampa, Florida, in honor of their 50<sup>th</sup> year in Tampa and encourage all citizens to join me in congratulating Principal Thomas J. Reidy, Students, Alumni, and Faculty of Tampa Catholic High School on this milestone, and thanking them for their continued commitment to education and the Tampa Bay community.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2012.



City of  
**Tampa**  
Florida

*Bob Buckhorn*  
Mayor