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## IWA GROWS THEIR MATH AND SCIENCE DEPARTMENT EXPONENTIALLY

The New \$3.9 MM Facility Offers Students Hands-On Experience with the Latest High-Tech Innovations

CORPUS CHRISTI, TX, March 25, 2009 – Incarnate Word Academy opens the doors to the new Kenedy Center for Math and Science Wednesday, March 25, at 11 a.m. Community leaders and state and local officials will join students and faculty for the official ribbon cutting ceremonies and the dedication and blessing of the new high-tech facility.

The \$3.9 million construction was funded by the John G. and Marie Stella Kenedy Memorial Foundation and the steadfast generosity of IWA parents, grandparents, past parents, alumni and friends. Designed by architects David Brown and Tom Mustard, the 17,678 square-foot center is a part a larger expansion of IWA's academic programs.

Recognized for their innovative approach to academic success, IWA student body continues to grow. "This beautiful new Kenedy Center for Math and Science responds to the need for growth," says IWA President Sister Anna Marie Espinosa. "It underscores our commitment to excellence with a facility that empowers our faculty and staff through new space and resources, where they can orchestrate a robust math and science curriculum—thus securing our students onto a successful path to many of our top universities."

An open house to the public will follow dedication ceremonies. Tours of the new center along with teacher and student demonstrations will showcase the wireless-environment classrooms and two science laboratories equipped with Smartboard technologies. Also to be unveiled, a mosaic art tile mural commissioned by Aloe Tile.

Incarnate Word Academy, established in Corpus Christi in 1871, is owned and operated by the Sisters of the Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament. IWA provides education to more than 900 students throughout the Corpus Christi community starting at 3 years of age to grade 12.

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