

# Proclamation

## OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

WHEREAS, Immaculate-La Salle High School, one of the most important and well-respected educational institutions in South Florida, is celebrating its 50th Jubilee with its continuous commitment to the personal, moral, and intellectual growth of the student body; and

WHEREAS, La Salle High School was founded in September of 1961 by the Christian Brothers of John Baptist de la Salle, in the land adjacent to the Vizcaya property in Coconut Grove; and

WHEREAS, the founding of La Salle was made possible by the initiative undertaken by Bishop Coleman Carroll and Father Bryan Walsh, the founder of the organization later known as Pedro Pan, which brought to the United States thousands of Cuban children, following Castro's arrival to power; and

WHEREAS, the new residence of the La Salle Brothers was to be shared with the Immaculata Academy, an all-girl school founded in 1957 by the Religious of St. Joseph; and

WHEREAS, a few years later, a strategic plan allowed both schools to merge, sharing one infrastructure, resources, and academic personnel; and

WHEREAS, 1970 marks the date when the Archdioceses of Miami resolved to make official the binomial partnership of Immaculata-La Salle.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROBERT L. VERNON, MAYOR OF THE VILLAGE OF KEY BISCAIYNE, FLORIDA, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM OCTOBER 20, 2007 AS

## “IMMACULATA-LA SALLE HIGH SCHOOL DAY”

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE VILLAGE OF KEY BISCAIYNE THIS 20th DAY OF October, 2007.