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**DR. CORNEL WEST AND DR. ROBERT GEORGE PAY SPIRITUAL VISIT TO
ST. PHILIP'S SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY CENTER**

Streamed Live on St. Philip's Facebook Page

(DALLAS, TX – October 6, 2021) Renowned scholar, intellectual and professor Dr. Cornel West, along with fellow scholar and conversation partner Dr. Robert George, will, in tandem, pay a special personal visit to the St. Philip's School and Community Center campus on Friday, October 8 at 8:15 a.m. where they will participate in morning chapel service and engage middle school students in a Q & A session. George T. Lee, Jr., Principal Kellee Murrell will give the homily for the morning chapel that will be streamed live on St. Philip's Facebook page.

"I'm so very honored to have Dr. West on our campus once again," said Principal Kellee Murrell, who will give the homily at Friday's chapel. "His heartfelt commitment to St. Philip's and our students has been invaluable. We also extend a warm welcome to Dr. George."

Dr. West has long been one of the nation's most regarded and sought-after intellectuals on matters of race, gender, class and politics. He is now the new Dietrich Bonhoeffer Chair for the Union Theological Seminary in New York City, after leaving Harvard University this past summer.

This is Dr. West's second stint at Union. Over his distinguished career, Dr. West has also taught twice at Harvard University, while also having served at Yale University, Princeton University, Dartmouth College, Pepperdine University, and the University of Paris. Among the books written by West have been the highly acclaimed *Race Matters* (1994) and *Democracy Matters* (2004).

Dr. Robert George is a highly respected American legal scholar, political philosopher, and public intellectual who serves as the McCormick Professor of Jurisprudence and Director of the James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions at Princeton University.

West and George have been frequent conversation partners on the national lecture circuit and are considered good friends. In 2017, they jointly published the statement "Truth-Seeking, Democracy, and Freedom of Thought and Expression."

About St. Philip's School and Community Center

St. Philip's is a faith-based private school in South Dallas serving over 200 students in grades PK2 through 6th grade, and a multi-faceted dynamic community center providing a myriad of vital educational, social services, athletic and neighborhood development programs to over 4,000 children, youth, and adults annually. The organization, which has been deemed "the miracle on Pennsylvania Avenue," has a mission to transform South Dallas, our city, and the world by FAITH, EDUCATION, and SERVICE.

Dr. West is no stranger to the St. Philip's family. He was the keynote speaker for the school's annual Destiny Award luncheon in 2001 and 2008. Other notable past speakers that have visited the campus include Academy Award nominee, Golden Globe winner, and star of the award-winning film *Hidden Figures*, **Taraji P. Henson (2020)**, the iconic Tony Award, two time Emmy Award winner, and Presidential Medal of Freedom recipient, **Cicely Tyson (2017)**, former baseball icon **Alex Rodriguez (2019)**, Oscar nominated, Emmy Award, Tony Award and SAG Award winning actress **Viola Davis (2016)** and groundbreaking astronaut **Dr. Mae C. Jemison (2009)**.

St. Philip's School and Community Center has announced expansion plans and will begin accepting applications for 7th grade in Fall 2021 for the 2022-2023 academic year and for 8th grade starting in Fall 2022.

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