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### Holy Name is Awarded \$575,000 Wind Turbine Grant

October 31, 2006 , Worcester , MA – The Catholic Schools Office of the Diocese of Worcester was notified today by Massachusetts Technology Collaborative that its application for a \$575,000 grant for a wind turbine project at Holy Central Catholic Jr. Sr. High School has been approved. The total project is estimated to cost \$1.6 million.

"On behalf of Holy Name, I want to express our gratitude to all involved in this exciting venture," according to Ms. Mary Riordan, headmaster. "It is expected to be the first project of its kind in Central Massachusetts and will be of great assistance to the school."

After years of study and analysis of various renewable energy options, wind power was determined to be the most effective solution, due to the school's windy, hill-top location.

The next step, according to Steve Perla , superintendent for Catholic Schools, will be to continue to work with the school's residents. The schools must secure approval from the appropriate offices of the City of Worcester .

The school is also committed to an open process involving the community. The school plans to hold public hearings for residents who would like to learn more about the project and its environmental and community impact.

Another task facing the school and the superintendent's office is to raise public and private funds to meet the remaining \$1 million to complete the project. An earlier grant of \$50,000 from the Sisters of St. Anne, who were involved with the school since its inception, was applied toward the feasibility/engineering study costs and grant development.

Both Mr Perla and Mrs. Mary Riordan, headmaster for Holy Name, were appreciative of the effort provided by so many people who have helped in this Technology grant process. "The active support of Congressman McGovern and his staff has been critical toward moving this project ahead, and we're truly grateful for his leadership and involvement," said Steve Perla.

"The Holy Name school community is also very grateful to all those at WPI who have brought us to this point today," added Mrs. Riordan. "We are looking forward to continuing this collaboration toward a successful completion."

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