

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

### **SJCCS Receives Prize from Hospice of the Upstate Benefit**

Anderson, SC – May 4, 2010—St. Joseph Catholic Church & School (SJCCS) was presented with an award for helping raise over \$4,500 during the Hospice of the Upstate Celebrity Waiter Event held on April 29 at Tucker’s Restaurant. Hospice of the Upstate representative Wanda White presented two (2) complimentary airfares to St. Petersburg, Fla., to Fr. Hayden Vaverek, Pastor of SJCCS. The tickets will be entered into the “Getaways” portion of the November 19, 2010 SJCCS “A Whole New World Gala—Destination: RIO” Silent & Live Auction, benefiting Catholic Education in Anderson, SC.

By making the “FUN” stand out in *fundraising*, SJCCS also received an award for “Most Enthusiastic Table” with their “Wild Flight to Rio” theme.

Patrons were taken on a faux flight to Rio de Janeiro—complete with in-flight amenities for First Class, Business Class, and Coach “travelers”—and experienced an “Evening in Rio” with dinner service followed by a “Carnaval-Style” conga line. Celebrity Waiters competed for tip money in which all proceeds benefited Hospice of the Upstate.

“We’re very proud to have been able to help them raise money for the wonderful ministry and the work they do in our community,” said Fr. Hayden. “The care and love they show for their clients and their patients’ families is inspiring and it reflects, beautifully, Christ’s love present in our community.”

St. Joseph Catholic Church & School (SJCCS) was established in 1868 and is a proud member of the faith community of Anderson County. Recognizing the dignity of every human life—from natural conception to natural death—is an integral part of the overall mission of the Catholic Church. SJCCS is proud to sponsor and promote the work of Hospice.

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