

### **Purpose of the Board of Specified Jurisdiction**

A Board of Specified Jurisdiction exists to serve a school, which is within a parish of the Archdiocese of Chicago or is an Archdiocesan-Operated Secondary School. The Pastor (or Superintendent) has ultimate responsibility for the parish and, within the parish, for the school. The Pastor delegates to the Principal responsibility for the running of the school. It is the Pastor (or in AIM Schools, the Superintendent or her representative) who establishes the Board of Specified Jurisdiction.

Such a Board of Specified Jurisdiction (BSJ) is intended to bring professional expertise in the specified areas to enhance the educational and spiritual leadership of the Principal and the Pastor. The Pastor and Principal do not relinquish their leadership in the school's educational program and its Catholic identity and practice, and spirituality; they welcome the BSJ and its members to collaborate in providing for a strong infrastructure for the school in Planning, Development, Finance and Facilities Maintenance, and Marketing, Recruitment and Enrollment Management.