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**Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West contribution helps launch
Anchor of Hope “Sponsor a Student” campaign**

Providence (November 12, 2009) – Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West LLC (PLDW) today announced a \$4,500 gift to the Catholic Diocese of Providence Anchor of Hope “Sponsor a Student” campaign. The contribution will be used as seed funds to support the launch of a new program designed to ‘to increase affordability of a Catholic school education for families seeking a faith-based learning experience for their children.’

“Quality education is the springboard to a better life, a robust community and a world that values intellectual discourse,” said Gary R. Pannone, PLDW Managing Partner. “We are proud to play a small role in this worthwhile educational program for the Diocese that will enable more young people a chance to fulfill their goals. It is our hope that each child who is part of this program will be assisted through our participation and that those taking part will thrive in a world full of challenges.”

PLDW Of Counsel Bernard A. Jackvony, who is Chair of the campaign said: “I will forever be grateful for the education I received as a child in the Providence public school system and for the years I attended Catholic schools. With the challenges faced by educators in classrooms today, it is a credit to the Diocese of Providence schools that 99% of the students attending Catholic schools graduate from high school, of which 97% go on to further education. This is an accomplishment by the Catholic schools, the teachers and students and their families, that we can all be very proud of. As chair of the Anchor of Hope Sponsor a Student campaign, please join me in helping a child fulfill their dreams and reach their potential.”

According to the Diocese, the money raised throughout the campaign is directly targeted to student tuition “as an investment in the future workforce of Rhode Island by helping to defray tuition expenses for Catholic school students.” The campaign launched on Nov. 10 with ceremonies at St. Teresa’s Catholic School in Pawtucket. Presiding over the kick off event was The Most Rev. Thomas J. Tobin, Bishop of Providence.

For further information about PLDW, contact Director of Administration David C. Sweet at 401-824-5100 or to reach the Diocese and learn more about the “Sponsor a Student” program, call 401-278-4600.

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