

**THE 5th ANNUAL PRIVATE SCHOOL LEADERSHIP
CONFERENCE, WASHINGTON, DC
SEPTEMBER 23, 2009**

The *5th Annual Private School Leadership Conference*, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education / Office of Non-Public Schools Education (ONPE), Washington, DC, was held on **September 23, 2009**.

U.S. Secretary of Education, **Arne Duncan**, addressed the *Conference* participants highlighting the reauthorization of the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act* (ESEA). The Secretary noted that he had asked Assistant Deputy Secretary **Jim Shelton** to begin facilitating meetings with national nonpublic school leaders to discuss ways to enhance ESEA and to ensure better outcomes and services to students and teachers in the nonpublic school community. He stated that he will host a *Listening and Learning Session* with nonpublic school stakeholders in order to hear their ideas for education reform.

Ms. Maria Makedon, Director of the Office of Education of the Direct Archdiocesan District attended the Conference representing the Archdiocese.

