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**GMiS Brings STEM to the Los Angeles Archdiocese**

*Great Minds in STEM™ and the Goodwin Family Memorial Trust Showcase Viva Technology™ Program to Cathedral High School*

*Monterey Park, CA, February 20, 2014* - Great Minds in STEM™ (GMiS) with support from the Goodwin Family Memorial Trust breaks new ground by showcasing the Viva Technology™ Program for the first time at a Catholic high school. Cathedral High School, located in the Los Angeles Archdiocese, will host Viva Technology™ on Friday, February 21, 2014, from 8AM – 3PM.

The event, occurring during National Engineers Week, brings a heightened level of awareness, inspiration and motivation in science, engineering, technology and mathematics (STEM). GMiS Chairman and Founder, Ray Mellado, who is an alumnus of Cathedral High School, will present the introductory remarks. Also in attendance, Bishop Edward Clark, Auxiliary Bishop of Los Angeles and Jonathan Machorro, a civil engineer from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District, who will serve as the event's principle role model.

Viva Technology™ is GMiS' national K-12 education program designed to engage students, teachers and parents with STEM challenges that stimulate their interest in the applications of technology and provide a STEM-focused career pathway. The student component – Viva Technology™ Student Day – will host 120 high school students from the STEM Academy at Cathedral High School. Students will experience a full day of STEM project-based exercises that challenge their understanding of the Engineering and Science Design Process. Local STEM college students serve as College Captain near peer mentors guiding the teams through the challenges.

The teacher component will provide educators with culturally-relevant STEM resources to enrich their classroom environment. The parent component, conducted in both English and Spanish, will provide information to help parents encourage their children to excel in math and science and envision themselves as future engineers and scientists.

Since 2001, Viva Technology™ has reached over 100,000 students, teachers and parents across 18 states.

**About Great Minds in STEM™**

Great Minds in STEM™ is a national 501(c)3 nonprofit organization based in Los Angeles County. GMiS is proud to celebrate 25 years of keeping America technologically strong through the delivery of national science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) awareness programs for students, parents and teachers in underserved communities; providing opportunities for the academic and career development of underrepresented students and professionals in STEM; and honoring the excellent contributions of our nation's Hispanic engineers and scientists. With a national presence through its education programs as well as its college and professional offerings, the organization is working to ensure that the U.S. maintains its status as the world's technology leader. For more information, please contact Julie Magallanes-Guevara, Manager of Public Affairs at (213) 435-9934 or (323) 262-0997 ext. 628 and visit the Great Minds in STEM™ website at [www.greatmindsinstem.org](http://www.greatmindsinstem.org).

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