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### **PARISH DATA SYSTEM CREATES PARTNERSHIP WITH ACS TECHNOLOGIES**

*The two leading church software companies – totaling over 50 years of experience – combine resources for the benefit of over 20,000 clients*

**April 13, 2004** — Parish Data System, Inc. ([www.parishdatainc.com](http://www.parishdatainc.com)) announces joining together with ACS Technologies ([www.acstechnologies.com](http://www.acstechnologies.com)) to form a stronger product and service offering to its over 11,000 Catholic parishes worldwide. The merger will combine the resources of the two faith-based software market leaders. Parish Data Systems (PDS) and ACS Technologies have served the faith-based community for over 50 years combined and will now have offices in Phoenix, Arizona and Florence, South Carolina with over 300 employees serving the needs of over 20,000 clients.

“The merger with ACS Technologies will benefit all of our clients because it insures continued development of PDS programs, and a significant increase in the number of support technicians and trainers. PDS will now be able to get enhanced products out faster and develop programs that we haven’t been able to complete due to staff limitations. What was very difficult to do with a staff of 17 we are now able to do with a combined staff of over 300,” Says Fr. Mike Boyle, PDS President

Hal Campbell, President and CEO of ACS Technologies spoke of the merger in this way, “For some time Father Mike and I have been talking about finding ways to combine our efforts to better serve the faith-based community. There are so many similarities between us and our companies that it seemed only natural to join together. There is no doubt that combined, we can offer more solutions to churches than ever before...and helping churches is what we have always been about”.

The joining together of these two church software market leaders will only benefit their respective client bases by combining the expertise both have developed over the past 25 years of serving churches, schools and other faith-based organizations. Together, they will be able to offer unmatched software support, training and ongoing product development. Both PDS and ACS Technologies will continue business uninterrupted keeping all products, personnel and operations intact.

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"ACS Technologies respects and appreciates the quality products and relationships that PDS has developed over the years. We are excited to join with them to enhance our products and overall product line." Father Mike went on to say, "With the largest Support and Training Departments in our market, ACS Technologies will walk along side of PDS partners helping them use their PDS products to even greater benefit".

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**About Parish Data System, Inc.**

Parish Data System, Inc. (PDS) ([www.paritydatainc.com](http://www.paritydatainc.com)) has been creating quality software programs for churches and schools since 1978. It is a privately held company. PDS has gained Catholic market leadership from its development and service to over 10,000 parishes and Dioceses with its software programs, like: Church Office Management, Formation Office Management, School Office Management, Ledger, Ledger/Payroll, Facility Scheduler, and Foccus Correction (Pre-Marriage). PDS is based in Phoenix, Arizona.

**About ACS Technologies Group, Inc.**

Founded in 1978, ACS Technologies ([www.acstechnologies.com](http://www.acstechnologies.com)) has been in business for 25 years and is a privately held company. ACS Technologies is currently the leading provider of best of breed technology solutions for churches, schools, and faith-based organizations, and has made its biggest contribution to the industry with its powerful church management software, ACS. The company offers a host of other technology solutions including, Headmaster™ enterprise software for private schools and the Extend Platform™ online content management for Web sites and larger network community management. Ernst & Young nominated the company's president and CEO, Hal Campbell, as a technology finalist in its Entrepreneur of the Year program in 2003. Over 12,000 different organizations rely on ACS Technologies for their daily operations—the largest client base in its market. Headquartered in Florence, South Carolina, with sales and training offices throughout the U.S., ACS Technologies has over 300 employees.

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