



Church of Saint Rose

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Dear St. Rose Community,

“Catholic schools play a vital role in the evangelizing mission of the Church.” (*Renewing our Commitment to Catholic Elementary and Secondary Education in the Third Millennium*, USCCB, p. 3) For 93 years, St. Rose High School has successfully equipped its students with a “sound education, rooted in the Gospels, the Person of Jesus Christ, and the traditions of our faith”. (*Renewing our Commitment*, USCCB, p. 3) As I look to the future of our Church and our world, it is my desire that St. Rose High school continue to provide this strong foundation for future generations of students. I believe that the President/Principal model of leadership will free our school leadership to dedicate their efforts to securing this future the St. Rose.

The President/Principal model is a shared leadership model employed in over half (56%) of the Catholic High Schools in the United States. The president of a school serves in a role similar to that of the chief executive officer of a corporation, responsible for areas such as mission and Catholic identity, strategic planning, financial and facilities management, alumni development, admissions, and public relations. The principal, serving in the role similar to that of a chief operating officer, is responsible for academic affairs and the day-to-day-operational management of St. Rose High School. The principal focuses on the students, teachers, and parents, and manages the educational and athletic programs. In this model, the president is responsible for the overall direction of the school. The principal reports directly to the president.

After much prayer and consideration, I have asked Sister Kathleen Nace, SSJ to assume the role of President of St. Rose High School beginning July 1, 2017. Over her eight years as Principal, Sister has demonstrated her ability to work collaboratively with faculty, parents, students, and alumni to expand the High School’s programs and offerings, to build the annual fund, and to increase alumni involvement while weathering the challenges that have arisen. Her manner of shared leadership will be an asset as we define the roles and responsibilities of the president and principal in this new model. Sister has graciously accepted my invitation to serve as President. In doing so, she follows the example of her Sisters before her whose commitment to and vision for Catholic education established St. Rose High School. In assuming this new role, Sister has the full support of the parish, High School Board, the Vicar for Education, and the Department of Catholic Schools.

The search for a new principal will begin immediately. A search committee will be formed and it is my hope to name the new principal by Easter. We will continue to work with the Department of Catholic Schools in this process to find the most qualified candidate for principal.

I am truly excited about this new model of leadership for St. Rose High School! I hope and pray that you will join me in this excitement as we pray for Sr. Kathy as she assumes this new role as well as for the Search Committee as it begins its important work of selecting a new principal.

Thank you for your support and all you do for St. Rose High School, and with prayerful best wishes, I remain

Joyfully yours in Christ,

Rev. Msgr. Edward J. Arnister, Pastor