

Memorandum

To: Cathedral School Community
CC: Cathedral School Faculty & Staff, Cathedral Parish Staff
From: Fr. Bob Schreiner
Date: 4/15/2010
Re: Transitions for 2010-2011

This memo is to inform you that on Wednesday, April 14th, Mr. Adam Hollingsworth submitted a letter of resignation as principal of Cathedral School effective June 30, 2010 (the end of his contract). In his time and in the manner of his choosing he may communicate to you his future plans. It is my hope and expectation that the School Advisory Council will, in cooperation with Mr. Hollingsworth, announce a day and time for the School Community to gather and express its gratitude to him for his four years of service to our School community and to celebrate his accomplishments.

I wish also to inform you that we have in place a principal for our new school year. Deacon Dan Hannig will be the new principal of Cathedral School effective July 1st, 2010. Enclosed (attached) you will find a brief Bio and Curriculum Vitae of Deacon Hannig which should demonstrate his depth of experience in School Administration and his history with Catholic Education in particular. Deacon Dan and his wife Vera (a long time educator also) are moving to Crookston during the month of May. Deacon Dan will be assigned by Bishop Hoepfner to diaconal ministry at the Cathedral Parish as well. I have scheduled Deacon Dan to formally sit with the School Faculty on Wednesday, May 19th and begin to sketch out their mutual needs for the transition; and he will also be present to the School Advisory Board's meeting on that same evening. I will also be inviting the broader school and parish community to come and meet Deacon Dan at an informal potluck on May 19th as well. More information about that will be forthcoming.

Deacon Dan will also continue his work with the Diocese of Crookston and so will be serving as a half-time principal on a 12 month contract. In order to facilitate this 'downsizing' of the principal's position, we will be adding a new, half-time, ten month position of "Administrative Assistant to the Principal" whose primary responsibilities will be (a) to serve as afternoon receptionist for the school office, (b) take on the administrative oversight of all fund-raising activities currently engaged by the Cathedral School Community – including serving as liaison and support to P.A.C.E.'s fundraising efforts; (c) be granted certain Administrative authority to make day-to-day administrative decisions needed in the absence of the Principal. This position will be opened in the near future. The morning School Secretary position will fundamentally remain as it is in its scope and function, with a few possible adjustments to the job description and contract period.

I will be meeting with the School teaching faculty and staff as well as the School Advisory Board next Wednesday for additional information, planning and discussions. The broader school community is certainly welcome to contact me with questions. Let us pray for this time of transition for everyone.

Deacon Dan Hannig

Deacon Dan Hannig grew up in southern Minnesota, graduating from Glencoe High School in 1970. He graduated from the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul in 1974. In 1982 he received a Masters degree in Educational Administration from St. Cloud State University. In 1983 he received a Sixth Year Certification from the University of Minnesota, Duluth in Educational Administration.

Deacon Dan is married to Vera. She has taught high school mathematics for more than twenty-five years and is beginning her retirement at the end of the 2010 school year. They have two grown children: James graduated from Marquette University and is a civil engineer in the Milwaukee area. Donovan will complete his studies and graduate from the University of Detroit Mercy this spring with a Masters degree in architecture. The Hannig family has been active at St. Joseph, Bagley for more than fifteen years.

Deacon Dan has been in public and Catholic school education for 31 years. He has been a teacher or principal in Catholic elementary settings in International Falls, Red Lake Falls and Red Lake. In Marshfield, Wisconsin, he served as President of Marshfield Area Catholic Schools and principal of Columbus Catholic High School. He has served in public schools as a teacher or principal (elementary and secondary) in New London-Spicer, Orr, Chisholm and Clearbrook-Gonvick.

Ten years ago Deacon Dan was ordained in the Diocese of Crookston. For the past four years he has served Bishop Victor Balke and Bishop Michael Hoeppe in providing leadership for programs such as the Pastoral Leadership Program, the "Why Catholic?" adult faith-sharing program, Marriage Prep Weekends, Lay Ecclesial Ministry formation, Ecumenical Commission, Native American Indian Commission and Diocesan Faith Formation.

For two and a half years Deacon Dan has been a weekly volunteer at Care and Share in Crookston and currently serves as the Chairman of the Board of Directors.

Deacon Dan's hobbies include golf, bicycling, spectator sports and music.