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Grand Rapids Catholic Secondary Schools Announces New Administrative Structure/Principal for West Catholic and Catholic Central High Schools

Grand Rapids, Mich, May 20, 2010 - Rev. R. Louis Stasker, pastor/president of the Grand Rapids Catholic Secondary Schools announced the realignment of the administrative structure for West Catholic and Catholic Central High Schools which will take place at the conclusion of this school year. The new structure calls for one principal for both West Catholic and Catholic Central High Schools. In addition, each

school will maintain an assistant principal who will have redefined and enhanced responsibilities. Individual department heads will assume appropriate responsibilities for the faculty in their departments.

“We continually seek ways to strengthen our Catholic high schools so we can provide our young people with a vital and viable education in the context of our Catholic faith,” said Father Stasker. “These changes will streamline our administrative structure providing for more effective implementation of programs and policies across the two schools.”

Father Stasker appointed Mr. Tom Maj to assume the role of principal of the two schools. Mr. Maj is the current principal of West Catholic and served as assistant principal for Catholic Central for 10 years.

“It is an honor to be appointed to this new position as principal of both of our Catholic high schools. I look forward to building upon the faith foundation and academic success which are an inherent part of Catholic Central and West Catholic High Schools,” said Maj.

Maj earned his master’s of education from Grand Valley State University; his teacher’s certification from Central Michigan University; and his bachelor’s degree from the University of Cincinnati. Maj, his wife and daughter reside in Rockford and are members of the parish at the Cathedral of Saint Andrew.

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Mr. Steve Passinault, who has served Catholic Central for 17 years, 12 of those years as principal of the school, was offered a position in the organization.

“Steve has a strong commitment to Catholic school education,” said Father Stasker. “We are grateful to Mr. Passinault for his leadership.”

For more than a century, Catholic Central and West Catholic High Schools have provided academic excellence in a Christ-centered environment. Catholic Central, located at 319 Sheldon Blvd. SE, and West Catholic, located at 1801 Bristol Ave. NW, have current enrollments of 782 and 582 students respectively.

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