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To our School Community and Parish

I am happy to announce that we have hired a new principal for St. Margaret School. Her name is Theresa (Terri) Power. She will assume her position here on July 1, 2021. Miss Power is a graduate of Cardinal O'Hara High School, received an elementary education degree from West Chester University, and a Masters in Educational Leadership from Holy Family University. She taught 4 and 5 year old children at St. Kevin's in Springfield for 15 years. For the last twelve years she has served at St. Cyril of Alexandria School in East Lansdowne, PA. She taught sixth and seventh grades there for eight years, then served as assistant principal for two years and as principal for the last two years. Miss Power has a strong commitment to her Catholic faith, a love for Catholic education, and a variety of experiences that suit her well for serving as principal of St. Margaret School.

I wish to offer sincere thanks to Mrs. Johnston for her dedication and devotion as our principal for the past five years. She always sought what was best for our children and had a great love for them. She worked many hours in fulfilling the many facets of the principal's job. Her efforts to guide us through the challenges of the pandemic led our School to rise well to the challenges. I join you in wishing her all the best as she begins a new chapter in her life.

I want to thank the members of the Search Committee for the commitment of time they made in interviewing the seven applicants, and for their invaluable advice and recommendations regarding the new principal. The members of the Committee were: Steve DiRico, John Shea, Stephanie Seal, Joseph Jackson, Donna Magee, Ellen Thorburn, Tracy Gabor, Anne McCarthy, Bernadette Dougherty from the Archdiocesan Schools Office and Helen McLean, the principal of St. Andrew School, Drexel Hill. I am grateful for the assistance they provided.

Monsignor Dougherty
Pastor