

LEAD + LOVE + SERVE

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Dear Stella Maris Academy Families-

I pray that this summer has been a blessed time of refreshment for you. As I am one who never tires of the beauty of God's creation here in the Duluth area, Lake Superior brings great peace with thoughts of Our Lady Stella Maris.

I am humbled to serve as Interim President as we move into a new era for Catholic school education in Duluth. Stella Maris Academy honors the legacy of the first century and looks to the next with great faith and anticipation. As I look ahead to my role in serving our community, our mission and values guide my actions and our vision inspires and brings great hope.

Commissioned by the Catholic Church, the Stella Maris Academy community prepares lifelong learners

who lead, love, and serve as Jesus taught – transforming our world one student at a time.

Together we create the environment where love, truth, mercy and tradition live. We are guided by the Church and the power of the Holy Spirit to be witnesses of Christ through the community we build and the learning we foster, through the leadership and stewardship we show, the recognition of the innumerable and diverse gifts God has given to each of us and for the respect for each other and the love of our Catholic identity.

Without a doubt we will be known in our community and beyond for the exemplary formation of not only our students, but also of our families and for the great work we do together through Stella Maris Academy. We will be second to none for the depth and breadth of our commitment to bettering the world through our intellectual, spiritual, human and stewardship formation focus. Stella Maris Academy students will go out into the world virtuous and wise.

We begin this school year as Stella Maris Academy by God's grace and by the outstanding work of Cynthia Zook, Bob Lisi, Julianne Blazevic, Peggy Frederickson, Jesse Murray, Anne Hoeksema, Jenna Kelly, Lee Stubenvoll and Erin Makela. I share immense gratitude for this team, the Diocese of Duluth and the Stella Maris Academy board for their commitment to ensuring the best possible transition and excellent start to the new school year.

Certainly you have seen our beautiful new crest and Sentinel mascot. While those images build our identity as one, the most beautiful showing of our unity is through all of you, our Stella Maris Academy families. We are honored to be in your lives in such a profound way. You make our vocations in Catholic education blessed beyond measure. Please join me in prayer as we celebrate the coming of the new school year as Stella Maris Academy.

Sincerely in Christ-

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