



CHARLOTTE CATHOLIC
HIGH SCHOOL

October 6, 2026

Dear CCHS Parents, Students and Alumni,

I'm writing to let you know that Principal Kurt Telford will continue to lead as our principal through the 2027–28 school year, with plans to retire in June 2028. We shared this news with our faculty and staff this afternoon. I am so grateful for his leadership and for his partnership with me as I joined this community as president.

Mr. Telford is a career educator with 48 years of service. Since 2014, he has served our school community with exceptional leadership, a visionary spirit, and a deep-rooted commitment to our Catholic mission. Under his guidance, CCHS has flourished academically, grown structurally, and deepened its spiritual identity. He led important campus changes, including the addition of the parking deck and the MACS Fine Arts Center at CCHS, and, most recently, the new turf field and the renovation of our Student Life Center. With our new Innovation Center for computer science, technology and engineering on the horizon, his vision will help shape CCHS for generations to come. The motto of that most recent campaign, *Grounded in Tradition, Focused on the Future*, is one he truly embodies.

After two years as President and Head of School, Mr. Telford returned this school year to the role he loves most, principal, where his impact is felt most directly by students and faculty. Mr. Telford models what it means to be a servant leader, leaving an indelible mark on the hearts of thousands of students, families, faculty and staff. We are grateful for his commitment to Charlotte Catholic and to Catholic education.

A search for a new principal will be conducted next school year to identify a successor who will carry forward our high standards of academic rigor and spiritual formation. We will keep you updated as this process unfolds.

We invite you to continue praying for all of our school leadership and for our school community during this season of transition. We look forward to celebrating Mr. Telford and his years of service at his retirement in 2028.

Sincerely,

Michael M. Seeley, President