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New President Named to Lead Nolan Catholic High School

Fort Worth Catholic Diocese of Fort Worth School Superintendent Don Miller announced Wednesday that long-time Catholic educator Thomas P. Long has been named the new president of Nolan Catholic High School.

Long will begin his tenure as president of the 1,110-student high school, located at 4501 Bridge St. in Fort Worth, on August 1, 2008.

"Mr. Long brings a number of important gifts to his position at Nolan Catholic High School," Miller said. "Having successfully served as president of three other Catholic institutions, he brings important knowledge in the fields of strategic planning, marketing, major gift solicitation and capital campaign fund raising, all within the context of a strong faith-based environment."

Long, who has been a Catholic educator since 1977, is coming to Fort Worth from Immaculate Heart High School in Oro Valley, Arizona, near Tucson, where he began as president in 2006. He was vice president and then president of Saint Joseph Academy in Brownsville, Texas, from 2004 to 2006. From 1999 through 2003, he was president of Central High School in Lawrence, Massachusetts.

Long has also served as a guidance counselor, guidance director and vice principal in Catholic schools in the Midwest and Northeast during his career.

He earned his Bachelor of Arts in Psychology at Merrimack College, graduating magna cum laude. He earned his Masters of Education from Loyola University of Chicago.

Long said he embraces the educational philosophy that Catholic educators must strive "to build a genuinely Christian community in which students are offered love, safety, acceptance, discipline and challenge" while educating each student to the best of their abilities.

Long succeeds Rev. Larry Doersching, S.M., who will be president of Chaminade-Madonna High School in Hollywood, Florida.

Nolan Catholic High School is Fort Worth's largest Catholic college preparatory school and a part of the Diocese of Fort Worth Catholic school system. It is administered

in the Marianist tradition by members of the Society of Mary. The school serves the mission of the Roman Catholic Church by educating youth.

On average, 99 percent of its students go on to college. The 2008 graduating class reported \$7.2 million in scholarships from colleges throughout the country. The school's strong academic program is driven by an excellent faculty, of which more than 55 percent hold advanced degrees and who teach college advanced placement courses in a variety of subject areas.

In 2008, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram's Readers' Choice Award program named Nolan Catholic High School as the best private school in Fort Worth.

Nolan Catholic was formed in 1961 when students from Our Lady of Victory girl's academy (OLV) and Laneri boy's academy were merged into a single school. Along with the priests and brothers of the Society of Mary, the Sisters of St. Mary of Namur opened Our Lady of Victory High School with their accreditation from OLV.

In 1963 the school was officially renamed Monsignor Robert M. Nolan Catholic High School.

The characteristics of Marianist education taught at Nolan Catholic High School are:

- To educate for formation in faith
- To provide an integral, quality education
- To educate in the family spirit
- To educate for service, justice and peace
- To educate for adaptation and change

Catholic Diocese of Fort Worth Bishop Kevin Vann is a strong supporter of Catholic education who has lead diocesan efforts to greatly expand the financial aid program of the Diocese and to fund improvements in the facilities at Our Mother of Mercy, St. George and All Saints Catholic Elementary Schools.

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