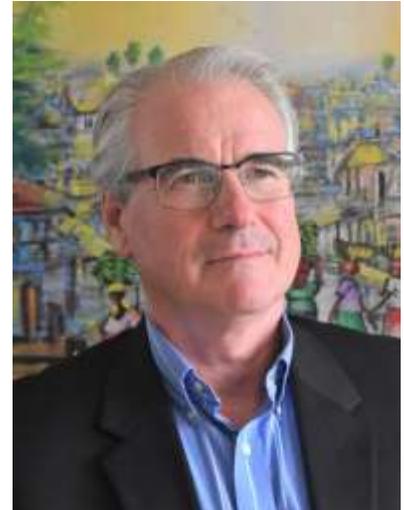


## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **St. Joseph Catholic Academy Announces New President**

Following an extensive national search, the St. Joseph Catholic Academy Board of Directors is pleased to announce that Deacon Patrick Moynihan has been selected as the new President, succeeding Mr. Robert Freund upon his retirement.

Deacon Moynihan served as President of The Haitian Project and Head of its Louverture Cleary School (LCS), a tuition-free private Catholic secondary boarding school outside of Port-au-Prince, for over 20 years. He led United States and Haitian faculty, staff and volunteers responsible for operating LCS, which he built into one of the top education programs in Haiti. He also created one of the largest university scholarship programs in the country to ensure the success of LCS students after graduation. Deacon Moynihan has a wealth of experience in strategic planning, fundraising, finance and communications. He is a published op-ed writer, a sought-after homilist and an excellent public speaker.



*“We were fortunate to interview a number of qualified candidates, but Patrick’s experience, energy and charisma made him the ideal choice for St. Joseph Catholic Academy. As a team, our Search Committee saw Patrick as clearly driven, dynamic, confident and a visionary. I am grateful for the dedication of the Search Committee members on this important decision. We are delighted to welcome Deacon Patrick Moynihan to SJCA,”* said Beth Bahr, Chair of the Search Committee.

Mr. Robert Freund, current St. Joseph Catholic Academy (SJCA) President/High School Principal, met with Deacon Moynihan during the interview process and was very favorably impressed. *“He’s professional. He understands what it takes to create a successful educational environment. I am excited to watch him lead and elevate SJCA to greater heights.”*

Deacon Moynihan has received several awards, including an Honorary Doctorate in Humanitarian Service from Providence College, the Pierre Toussaint Medallion from the Archdiocese of New York for advancing the cause of educational opportunity, social justice and the gospel, and Brown University’s John Hope Award for Public Service. Moynihan graduated *magna cum laude* from Brown University and earned a Master of Arts Degree with distinction in Religious Studies from Providence College.

*“I like that, with the PK – 12 model, St. Joseph Catholic Academy is dealing with the whole family. There’s a holistic sense of how faith and community work together within the school,”* said Moynihan. *“It is a privilege to be offered the presidency of St. Joseph Catholic Academy. I*



*am confident that the skills that I have developed over the past two decades as the President of The Haitian Project and Head of Louverture Cleary School will serve me well as the President of SJCA. Education works. And Catholic education works exceptionally well.”*

The advancement aspect of the presidency is particularly important for SJCA. One of Moynihan’s references stated, *“Patrick has no reservations whatsoever about asking for money. He has stewarded all of us whether we’re in fundraising or not (including the Board) and made us realize that there is a spirituality and value to asking for support of the mission. When he came to the Project, it was a \$90,000 or \$100,000 organization, and we were struggling with debt. He erased the debt, expanded the program, established endowments and now it’s a \$2.6 million organization.”*

In addition to his time with The Haitian Project, Deacon Moynihan’s experiences include Director of the Office for the Permanent Diaconate and Formation Director in the Diocese of Rockford, teaching Latin and English, coaching track/cross country, and working as a commodity trader and manager with the Louis Dreyfus Corporation.

Deacon Moynihan looks forward to making Kenosha his home with his wife, Christina, herself a former missionary teacher at LCS and the catalyst for the Moynihan family’s conversion to mission work more than two decades ago. Deacon Moynihan and Christina have been married for 32 years and have four adult children spread across the country. The youngest, Marianna, is currently completing her MSW nearby at the University of Michigan.

St. Joseph Catholic Academy, a pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade college preparatory school in Kenosha, Wisconsin, is supported by 10 parishes and is the largest private school in the area. With its comprehensive focus on academic, moral, social and spiritual development throughout a student’s entire educational journey, St. Joseph Catholic Academy has a consistent 100% graduation rate and ACT scores above state, local and national levels.