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RICHARD WAGNER HIRED AS GUERIN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL'S PRINCIPAL ***Former Executive Director of Fatima Retreat House takes over helm of high school***

NOBLESVILLE, IND. — Officials from St. Theodore Guerin High School have announced that Richard Wagner has been hired as the principal of the high school, effective as of June 1. Wagner served as the Executive Director of Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House for the past three years and has served in Catholic secondary education for thirteen years as an administrator, teacher and coach. He is replacing Keith Marsh, who resigned as the school's principal in order to pursue other business opportunities.

"I am honored to have the opportunity to serve as the next principal of St. Theodore Guerin High School," said Wagner. "I was impressed with the thoroughness of the search and interview process and with the many members of the Guerin Catholic community I met along the way."

At the Fatima Retreat House, Wagner was able to help stabilize the struggling agency and double donations, increase registrants to its highest total in the facility's history, lower Archdiocesan subsidy needs, and raise \$400,000 in a four-month Spirit-Driven Renewal campaign. Wagner is also the owner/president of Leadership Unlimited, Inc., where he has lead the consultation, development, and presentation of more than 50 Christian leadership programs. His clients include Archdiocesan schools, IPS, Wayne Township, ARCHES, and Riley Hospital for Children.

"Mr. Wagner is a passionate Catholic leader with extensive experience and achievements in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis," said Deborah Wood, Principal Search Committee Chair. "He will be an outstanding principal and spiritual leader for our school community."

Wagner's most recent position in Catholic secondary education was at Bishop Chatard High School, where he served as the school's Director of Athletics and taught Psychology and English from 1997-2004. During his tenure, he spent time as a Freshman Moderator, Christian Awakening Senior Retreat Leader and Assistant Football Coach. Throughout his seven years as the school's Athletic Director, he oversaw 60 coaches, increased student engagement in sports from 64 percent to 86 percent, lowered the overall school budget necessary to subsidize the athletics department, and acquired eighteen sectional titles and six state titles in seven years. In addition, he worked in a collaborative effort with students, faculty, parents and coaches, rewrote Code of Conduct and instituted a mandatory minimum GPA eligibility rule.

Prior to arriving at Bishop Chatard, Wagner was a teacher and coach at Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School. At Brebeuf, he taught Global Civilizations, Sociology and Psychology, and he was Head Football Coach, Assistant Track Coach and Kairos Senior Retreat Team Leader.

Wagner earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Education and completed 27 graduate hours in Psychology at Indiana University Purdue University of Indianapolis. In 2004, he received a M.S. in Education through Butler University's Experiential Program for Preparing School Principals (EPPSP). EPPSP is widely recognized as one of the top school administrator training programs in the country.

Outside of his professional life, Wagner is active in community service. He is currently on the Board of Directors of the Catholic Youth Organization and on the Advisory Board of IPS and Butler University's Promoting Minority Teachers Partnership. He participates in Habitat for Humanity and is a facilitator and presenter for the TOBIT marriage preparation weekend retreats. Wagner and his wife Carol have been married for 23 years and have four children, ranging in age from 15 to 22. They are members of St. Pius X parish.

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Wagner will serve as the school's second principal. Guerin Catholic High School, a school of the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana, will graduate its first class on May 25.

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ABOUT SAINT THEODORE GUERIN HIGH SCHOOL

Saint Theodore Guerin High School is a Roman Catholic, co-educational college-preparatory school serving students from diverse academic, economic, and ethnic backgrounds. Dedicated to the message of Jesus Christ, we are called to academic excellence, spiritual growth, and involvement in the ongoing life of the Church through The Word, Prayer, Service, and Sacraments. For more information, please visit www.guerincatholic.org.