




The Brothers of the Christian Schools
DISTRICT OF EASTERN NORTH AMERICA

October 2, 2009

Dear Members of the Saint John's Community,

On behalf of the Brothers of the Christian Schools, District of Eastern North America, successor District to the District of Baltimore, it is with great pleasure that I announce the appointment of Mr. Jeffrey Mancabelli as the 28th President of St. John's College High School. Jeff will bring to the President's position two decades of Catholic school leadership experience along with a deeply rooted commitment to the Lasallian principles that guide and animate all of our schools.

A native of Scranton, PA and the product of both a Catholic high school and college education, Jeff came to the Washington area when he accepted an administrative position at Georgetown Prep. In 1999 he joined the administration at St. John's as the Assistant Principal for Academic Affairs. For the past nine years, he has served as Principal. Beyond overseeing and managing the academic and athletic programs at St. John's, Jeff has been a tremendous asset to the broader Lasallian community serving on District and Regional level committees and conferences.

This past year, at my invitation, Jeff, along with others from the USA/Toronto Region, spent a month in Rome studying with Brothers and Lay Lasallians from around the world. During this time of reflection and prayer, they re-read core documents articulating the purpose and spirituality of our mission. I am fully confident that Jeff's leadership experience combined with his extensive Lasallian formation will not only keep St. John's on its present course, but take the institution to even higher degrees of success.

For Jeff this is not only an appointment but a "call" by the Church through the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools to give witness to his baptismal call to ministry. He is called to hold in trust for the Brothers and for the Board of St. John's the Catholic Lasallian mission of education and evangelization of young people, with special concern for those young people from families of modest and challenged economic circumstances.

Following the by-laws of the institution, Jeff's name was presented to me for consideration after a unanimous vote by the Board of Trustees. One of the unique blessings of this selection is that Jeff has worked for nearly a decade with most of the current board members. Further, we are fortunate to be able to have a transition year during which Brother Tom Gerrow and our current Board Chair Al Merritt '58 will guide a smooth and seamless transition.

I would like to thank the Board of Trustees and each one of you for your part in making St. John's such an excellent and vital presence of the Church and Lasallian mission in the nation's capital. Please know that you and your family are in my prayers and in a special way Jeff and his family are remembered as he takes on this new role and ministry of leadership at St. John's.

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ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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St. John's Community,

It is with great pleasure that the Board of Trustees receives the appointment of Mr. Jeffrey Mancabelli as the next President of St. John's College High School. Jeff's appointment by Brother Dennis Malloy, FSC comes after several months of deliberation and review by our Search Committee culminating in a unanimous recommendation by the Board of Trustees to present Jeff's name to the Provincial for his consideration.

Having spent the past nine years as the Principal at St. John's, Jeff is uniquely positioned to carry on the St. John's history and mission. His lifelong commitment to Catholic education has been rooted in the Lasallian vision of educating the whole person. Jeff has been a critical member of the team that orchestrated the outstanding renaissance of St. John's over the past decade. Working with the Board of Trustees and alongside Bro Tom Gerrow, he built an academic team of teachers and administrators who are among the best in the entire region.

These are exciting times in the almost 160 year tradition of St. John's. As we move full force into the new millennium, we are extremely fortunate to have a young and vibrant leader take the helm that already personally knows more than 2,000 recent graduates and their families. St. John's will also have the benefit of a full year of transition between Bro. Tom and Jeff.

One of the first and most important elements of the transition will be Jeff working with Brother Dennis to secure a new Principal for St. John's. It is our hope to make an announcement on his successor as Principal in the near future.

I would be remiss if I did not take this opportunity to thank all those who served on our Presidential Search Committee, with particular gratitude to Burns McLindon '52 who chaired the effort. I am certain that over time as Jeff leads St. John's to the next level we will be all the more grateful for their work in this selection process.

Sincerely,

Al Merritt '58
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