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Today, Mr. Chris Hagerty informed Bishop Lawrence Persico and the Erie Catholic Preparatory School (ECPS) Board of Directors of his intention to resign from his position as President of Cathedral Prep, Villa Maria Academy and Mother Teresa Academy, effective immediately. Mr. Hagerty has spent many years in service to the schools in various capacities, and his generous spirit, vision for the future and devotion to the schools will carry forward and be felt by all for years to come.

“I have poured over 18 years of my life into a mission that I dearly love. However, I love my family more and they will always be my number one priority,” Mr. Hagerty said in a written statement to the board. “To that end, it is not possible for me to continue as President. Thus, I’ll be stepping down, so I can spend more time with the people who I love and love me most. I have given this mission everything I have, and I hope and pray it will continue well into the future.”

Dave Slomski ‘72 has transitioned from his position as the ECPS Board of Directors Board Chair and assumed the role of Interim President of the ECPS schools as the search for a President commences. Slomski recently retired as Senior Vice President of Commercial Banking at Marquette Savings Bank, Erie, and has been a devoted servant of the school for over 25 years as an active alumnus and board member. As board members, we are in unanimous agreement that these qualifications, along with Slomski’s record of community and volunteer service in the Greater Erie region, his character and high standards, make him an ideal fit for the role of Interim President as we continue to execute our vision for the future.

Sara (Weber) Kallner ‘93, current ECPS Board and Executive Committee member, has assumed the role of ECPS Board Chair. Kallner is the Vice President of Sales at Smith Provision Company in Erie, and is committed, on behalf of the board, to ensuring that the schools’ core values of faith, integrity, respect, service and trust remain intact as the bedrock of our institution while we implement our growth plan. Kallner currently has two children enrolled in the Erie Catholic School System and one who is a student at Villa Maria Academy.

In just a few short weeks we will break ground to formally begin our expansion project. We have every confidence that the project will be a firm foundation providing an unparalleled opportunity for state-of-the-art learning that will be second to none. We look forward to executing the plan to unite our young women and men under one roof in the fall of 2022.

We are thankful for your continued support and prayers and will keep you informed every step of the way.

Peace and prayers,

The Erie Catholic Preparatory School Board of Directors

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