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### **Principal Appointed for DePaul Cristo Rey High School**

Sister Jeanne Bessette, OSF, president of DePaul Cristo Rey High School, announced the appointment of the school's first principal, Andrew W. Farfsing. He joins the administrative team after a nine-year teaching career at LaSalle High School in Cincinnati, Ohio, where he taught in the social studies department.

Andy's passion for and enthusiasm about the mission of Catholic education, and DePaul Cristo Rey in particular, was evident through the search process. As principal, he will draw from his own educational background and varied experiences. He sees the role of the principal as striving "to build relationships and maintain an open, two-way flow of communication with those who have a special relationship and investment with the institution. For DePaul Cristo Rey this would include the Sisters of Charity and the network of Cristo Rey schools." He anticipates leading "with a zeal (passion built on faith) that is contagious."

Andy earned a master's degree in educational administration from Xavier University (Cincinnati) in 2004. Prior to that, he also earned a bachelor's degree in history from Xavier. He is a graduate of Purcell-Marian High School in Cincinnati.

While teaching at LaSalle, Andy has co-chaired the Ohio Catholic Accrediting Association reaccreditation process. He was co-creator and administrative director of the De LaSalle Signum Fidei Institute, a leadership program for students. He has served on a wide range of committees including the faculty advisory board, technology planning, LaSallian Heritage and student participation in advancement activities. Andy was selected by the principal of LaSalle as Teacher of the Year in 2004 and was selected Person of the Year by LaSalle students in 2009. He has moderated student government, coached wrestling and football, and been an adult member of the school's Kairos retreat teams for several years.

Members of Nativity of Our Lord Parish, Andy and his wife, Lindsay, have two daughters, Olivia and Rachel. His grandfather's first cousin is S. Marjorie Farfsing, SC. Andy has fond memories of family reunions at Mount St. Joseph and sneaking soft serve ice cream after he had been officially "cut off" by his parents. He is eager for his ministry to begin in July.