



# DIOCESE OF GRAND RAPIDS

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## **David Faber Appointed Superintendent of Grand Rapids Diocesan Catholic Schools**

*Grand Rapids, Mich., June 18, 2010* – Bishop Walter Hurley announced the appointment of Mr. David A. Faber as the superintendent of Catholic Schools for the Diocese of Grand Rapids. Faber will begin the newly created diocesan position on July 6, 2010. He will serve as superintendent of the diocesan elementary and high schools.

“I look forward to the leadership, innovation, and experience Mr. Faber will bring to the position of superintendent,” said Bishop Hurley. “I am grateful for his 17 years of service to our diocesan schools. He is committed to creating Christ-centered school environments with academically challenging curricula which are necessary to meet the changing requirements of higher education and the marketplace.”

Faber served as principal of St. Thomas the Apostle School in Grand Rapids for 17 years. Prior to coming to St. Thomas the Apostle School, he taught in the Zeeland Public Schools. Faber has been a member and held leadership positions, locally and regionally, in the Diocesan Schools Administrative Association (DSAA). As superintendent, Faber will work collaboratively with pastors, elementary and high school principals, and the diocesan school board in areas such as Catholic identity, curriculum, marketing and policies.

“I thank Bishop Hurley for the opportunity to advance the mission of Catholic schools in this privileged and important diocesan ministry,” said David Faber. “I look forward to getting to know as many people as possible in all our elementary and high schools; building relationships and visioning the future together.”

Faber has completed postgraduate courses in educational leadership; holds a M.Ed. from Grand Valley State University in educational leadership and a B.S. in elementary education from the Franciscan University of Steubenville, OH.

A search committee was formed and conducted a national search with the guidance of Catholic School Management, Inc. After research and candidate interviews, the members of the committee recommended, and Bishop Hurley approved, David Faber for the position of superintendent to the diocesan elementary and high schools.

Faber, his wife and five daughters reside in Grand Rapids. They are members of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish.

The Diocese of Grand Rapids serves 178,000 Catholics, 103 parishes in an 11-county area. There are over 6,300 students in 27 elementary and four high schools.

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