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THOMAS MAJ APPOINTED WEST CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Grand Rapids, Mich, May 11, 2009 – Mr. Thomas M. Maj has been appointed principal of West Catholic High School in Grand Rapids. The appointment was announced today by Reverend R. Louis Stasker, pastor/president of the Grand Rapids Catholic Secondary Schools.

Maj, who currently serves as assistant principal of Catholic Central High School in Grand Rapids, will assume responsibilities as West Catholic High School's principal on July 1.

“It was a compliment to the quality of West Catholic High School that we had such fine applicants for this position. Tom has clearly demonstrated educational leadership skills and administrative abilities during the 10 years he has served as assistant principal,” said Father Stasker. “The Catholic Secondary School Board was delighted to offer him this position.”

Maj has been assistant principal at Catholic Central High School since 1999. His responsibilities included development and implementation of policies governing faculty, staff and students; coordinating daily operations; and academic administration, including the development and implementation of courses. Before coming to Catholic Central, he taught at Reed City High School from 1989 – 1999, where he was recognized as Teacher of the Year in 1993.

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“It is a privilege to work with the parents, students, teachers, staff and administrators who further the fine tradition of Catholic school education here in West Michigan,” said Maj. “I enjoyed my years at Catholic Central and am honored to continue my support for Catholic education as principal of West Catholic. I look forward to building upon the faith foundation and academic success which are inherently a part of West Catholic.”

Maj succeeds Mr. Stanley H. Spetoskey, who, after eight years as principal, announced in March his plans to retire at the conclusion of the 2009 academic school year.

Maj earned his master’s of education from Grand Valley State University; his teacher’s certification from Central Michigan University; and his bachelor’s degree from the University of Cincinnati. He and his wife, Natalie, and daughter Gabriella, reside in Rockford and attend the Cathedral of Saint Andrew.

West Catholic High School, established in 1962, has an enrollment of 635 students and is located at 1801 Bristol Ave. NW, in Grand Rapids.

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