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AQUINAS HIGH SCHOOL TRUSTEES NAME PRINCIPAL

SPARKILL, NY. (August 9, 2018) The Dominican Sisters of Sparkill, New York, the sponsors and trustees of Aquinas High School in the Bronx, announce that Mr. Mark Shultz has been appointed Principal of Aquinas High School. He succeeds Sister Catherine Rose Quigley who is retiring after a twenty-three-year tenure as Assistant Principal and Principal.

As Principal, Mr. Shultz will be responsible for the day-to-day operations of the school, including but not limited to all educational and school-based staffing, supervision of programming, and all instructional decision-making. The Principal is appointed by the Board of Trustees and is an ex-officio member of the School Board.

Mr. Shultz was appointed on August 7, 2018 following a recommendation by an interview committee and the School Board of Aquinas High School. He will assume the new role on August 15, 2018.

Previously, as the Principal of Philip's Academy Charter School in Fort Lee, New Jersey, Mr. Shultz oversaw a successful academic program with a 100% graduation rate and 95% acceptance rate of alumni into four-year colleges. He also created a teacher mentoring program in collaboration with Montclair State University. Prior to his tenure as Principal, Mr. Shultz served as Philip's Academy Associate Head of School, Vice-Principal of St. Jean Baptiste High School, and Adjunct English Professor at St. Thomas Aquinas College.

Sister Mary Murray, OP, President of the Dominican Sisters of Sparkill, commented, *"We are happy to welcome Mr. Shultz; he brings enthusiasm and experience, and we are confident that he and the school's President, Ms. Anna Parra, will work together to promote and strengthen the life and mission of Aquinas High School."*

Mr. Shultz received a Bachelor of Arts in English, a Master of Divinity, a Master of Arts in English, and Advanced Certification in Supervision and Administration.

About the Dominican Sisters of Sparkill

As members of a ministerial, apostolic religious congregation, the Dominican Sisters of Sparkill embrace Jesus' invitation to share in his mission. Committed to ministry for justice and reverence for all creation, Sparkill Dominicans live and minister throughout the United States and abroad in Pakistan. The Sisters' ministries span a variety of fields: education, administration, health care, pastoral care and preaching, social services, senior housing and health, and advocacy for those who are economically poor and marginalized. The Dominican Sisters of Sparkill are responsible for founding and staffing numerous schools in the New York and St. Louis, Missouri metropolitan areas as well as in Pakistan. For additional information, please visit www.sparkill.org or connect with us on [Facebook](#).

About Aquinas High School

Aquinas High School is a community of faith and learning rooted in the Catholic tradition and committed to excellence in the education of young women - mind and heart, body and spirit. Since its founding by the Dominican Sisters of Sparkill in 1923, Aquinas has welcomed each new wave of New York City's population, finding the face of God in every student and forming a body of Aquinas women with a heart for the whole human family. Through a challenging curriculum with a broad spectrum of co-curricular activities and community service, Aquinas calls forth women who are confident, knowledgeable and committed to building a better world. For additional information, please visit www.aquinashs.org