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Bishop Ward High School Names New School President



March 9, 2018 (Kansas City, Kan.) – The Board of Trustees of Bishop Ward High School announces that Archbishop Naumann has appointed James (Jay) Dunlap, Jr. to be the next President of Bishop Ward High School. Mr. Dunlap is currently in his eighth year as President of the Madonna School, in Omaha, Nebraska, where he has been extraordinarily successful in enlisting the support of the entire community to build new school facilities, increase enrollment and provide scholarships for students each year. In 2016, he was named Archdiocese Administrator of the year.

Jay earned a Bachelor of Arts from Notre Dame University and a Masters in Journalism from Northwestern University. In addition to teaching in Catholic secondary schools, Jay spent several years as a broadcast journalist and has written a book on raising children in the “media age.” He is a great communicator, an important strength to be sure, but he is also a thoughtful listener.

Mr. Marc McCarty, Bishop Ward Board Chairman, said, “One thing that impressed me when I talked with Jay over the past few weeks as he went through the process of discerning whether this position was the ‘right move,’ was how much he relied on prayer to determine if this was something he was being called to do. He believes it is a calling, and the Board does as well. “

Mr. Dunlap will continue in his fulltime position as President of Madonna until July 1. However, he intends to work with Interim President, Mark Madsen, the Board and Bishop Ward’s staff to ensure a seamless transition. To the extent his schedule permits, Mr. Dunlap hopes to attend Bishop Ward’s fundraisers, such as the upcoming Spirit of Bishop Ward Scholarship Dinner on April 7th, to meet as many members of the Bishop Ward community as possible.

Mr. McCarty added, “On behalf of the Board of Trustees and the entire Bishop Ward community I want to thank Mark Madsen for his service as Interim President this year. Mark has done a superb job under difficult circumstances. His tireless efforts over the last year made it possible for the Board to undertake the search that led us to Jay.”

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