

**Purcell Marian High School May 7, 2009**

CINCINNATI, OH -- Purcell Marian High School today announced that Paul Ramstetter will become Principal effective July 1, 2009. He will succeed Al Early, who was appointed President of Purcell Marian High School in January.

Cincinnati Archbishop Daniel E. Pilarczyk made the appointment upon the recommendation of the President, a search committee including representatives of various groups who make up the Purcell Marian school community including the board of trustees, faculty, administration, and parents, the Purcell Marian Board of Trustees, and Catholic Schools Superintendent, Brother Joe Kamis, S.M.

Mr. Early is elated with the appointment of Ramstetter, who will become the first Principal at Purcell Marian as it moves to the president/principal model of school administration. "Mr. Ramstetter brings a wealth of quality administrative experience to the position of Principal at Purcell Marian High School, and has a deep knowledge and understanding of the community the school serves," said Early. "He will not need a long orientation to become the educational leader of the school. I am thrilled about the strengths that Mr. Ramstetter brings to the Purcell Marian community and I look forward to working with him as we both assume our new leadership roles."

Mr. Ramstetter comes to Purcell Marian after 31 years with Cincinnati Public Schools in roles as teacher, high school principal and assistant high school principal, as well as central office positions including Manager of Career-Technical and Adult Education and Disciplinary Hearing Officer. He has also taught and coached at McNicholas High School.

Mr. Ramstetter holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy and a Master of Education degree in Guidance and Counseling, both from Xavier University. He holds Ohio licenses as a teacher of mathematics, school counselor, secondary administrator, and assistant superintendent.

Purcell Marian High School is a Catholic, co-educational college preparatory school with a rich history of excellence in academics, athletics and community leadership. Located in historic East Walnut Hills, Purcell Marian's vibrant urban setting places it in the middle of the city's arts and education corridor. Grounded in the educational traditions of the Sisters of Charity and the Society of Mary (Marianists), Purcell Marian educates students to be Outstanding Among All. For more information, visit [www.purcellmarian.org](http://www.purcellmarian.org) or call 513/751-1230.

Purcell Marian is operated by the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Cincinnati, which represents the 26th largest Catholic diocese in the country with almost 500,000 Catholics and the eighth largest network of Catholic schools in terms of enrollment. The 19-county territory includes 220 parishes and 113 Catholic primary and secondary schools.

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