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Dr. Dorothy Ostrowski Named President of Gross Catholic

BELLEVUE— Dr. Dorothy Ostrowski has been named the new president at Daniel J. Gross Catholic High School in Bellevue effective July 1, 2012.

Archbishop George Lucas made the appointment following a national search after the announcement that Gross Catholic's current president of 14 years, Beckie Cleveland, would be stepping down.

Monsignor James Gilg, superintendent of schools for the Omaha archdiocese, stated, "I wish to congratulate Dorothy Ostrowski and I am grateful that she is willing to assume the duties of president of Gross Catholic High School. It is a great tribute to everyone in the Gross Catholic school community that the best candidate is someone who is already on the scene and who has benefited from and contributed to the rich Catholic culture of the school."

A proven leader in college-preparatory curriculum development and evaluation, Dr. Ostrowski brings her educational strategic planning experience to her new role. Her strengths include developing partnerships with families, community leaders, and other archdiocesan schools.

She especially values her rapport with the Gross Catholic community. "The most rewarding aspect of my role as principal has been the joy I've experienced working with students and families," Dr. Ostrowski stated. "I look forward to continuing these relationships as President."

Tom Kjar, advisory board chairperson, stated, "The Gross Catholic community is very fortunate to have someone as highly qualified as Dorothy Ostrowski to lead our school. Her vision and leadership skills will continue the school's tradition of excellence in education."

Gross Catholic was established in 1968 by the priests and brothers of the Society of Mary and continues to be sponsored by the order. Brother Ed Brink, the assistant for education of the Marianist Province of the United States stated, "Dorothy has great knowledge of and appreciation for the Marianist tradition of education. I look forward to working with her as she assumes the duties of president of Daniel J. Gross Catholic High School."

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Dr. Ostrowski is a life-long member of St. Stanislaus Parish. She has served Gross Catholic for 31 years, beginning as a classroom teacher, moving to assistant principal for four years, and most recently as principal for 12 years. She earned a Master of Arts degree and a Master of Science degree from Creighton University and her Doctor of Education degree in Educational Administration from the University of Nebraska.

Gross Catholic is an Archdiocesan co-ed college-preparatory high school, sponsored by the Marianist Province of the U.S.

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