



Dear Powers Catholic Community,

We are faced with an important task in finding a successor for Rory Mattar as he concludes his service as President of Powers Catholic High School at the end of the 2021-22 school year. Our Board is fully committed to doing what is necessary to assure a quality candidate is positioned and a smooth transition takes place during the hiring process. To that end, after reviewing proposals from a number of search firms, we have hired *Partners in Mission School Leadership Search Solutions* to assist us in finding Rory's replacement. *Partners in Mission* is nationally-recognized for its work in Catholic education, and the firm has experience and familiarity with Powers Catholic and a number of other schools in the diocese. They have worked with us to develop the search prospectus, which will provide information on Powers and its legacy, and manage the national recruiting effort. This process is currently in action in order to provide enough leeway time to identify the most qualified candidate to lead the Powers Catholic community in the near future.

Initial meetings among the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees, who are chairing the process, and the Search Committee began the process. Subsequent to those planning sessions, Aimee Viana with Partners in Mission began her research to gain different perspectives and an immediate understanding of the school's system, culture, structure, and history. In particular, she toured the campus and conducted focus groups involving more than 100 individuals from our community. The sessions included: Tom Maloney, Superintendent of Catholic Schools for the diocese; the Search Committee; the PCHS leadership team; representatives from the faculty and staff; a group of current parents; past parents and members of the alumni community; and a cross section of students.

Our hope is that we will have a new President named before the end of the school year and prepared to start July 1. If you know of an outstanding candidate, please encourage them to learn more about this opportunity.

We ask for your prayers that these efforts will uphold what is most important to the rich tradition at Powers Catholic High School—excellence in education while making disciples of Jesus Christ. Mary, Mother of Flint, and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, patron of Catholic schools, pray for us!

In Christ,

Ed Benning, *Chair*
Josh Yecke '05, *Vice Chair*
Kay Knight, *Secretary*