



ST. ROSE OF LIMA CATHOLIC ACADEMY

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Announcement of the New Principal of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Academy

June 1, 2018



In March, a search process was begun to identify the next principal of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Academy. The process brought forth strong candidates from across the Archdiocese of Denver and the country. After many interviews, and thorough deliberations and prayer, we are pleased to announce today that Fr. Nick Thompson, Pastor at St. Rose of Lima, at the recommendation of the Principal Search Committee, has appointed and hired Mr. Tomas Gallegos as the new Principal of St. Rose of Lima, effective July 1, 2018.

Mr. Gallegos is a Denver native, and feels very fortunate to have attended Blessed Sacrament Catholic School in Denver, Regis Jesuit High School, and then the University of Notre Dame for his Bachelors Degree, as well as his Master of Education through the Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) program. During those ACE years, Mr. Gallegos taught middle school Language Arts in South Central, Los Angeles, at St. Michael's Catholic School. In addition to falling in love with teaching, he also met the love of his life, Carolyn Leary in Los Angeles, and the two of them would continue teaching together through Notre Dame's ACE program in Santiago, Chile. They were engaged two years ago and were married last July.

Mr. and Mrs. Gallegos returned to Denver three years ago to be closer to family, and he returned to Regis Jesuit to teach Spanish and serve as department chair for foreign languages. He has loved supporting students in their language acquisition, as well as supporting the teachers in his care to give their best in the classroom. He feels blessed not only to pass on the Catholic education that he received, but also to invite his students and colleagues into a life of faith, prayer, and ultimately service of one another.

This summer Mr. Gallegos is looking forward to traveling, reading, spending time with family, and getting to know the amazing community at St. Rose of Lima. He feels humbled and honored to join the St. Rose of Lima crew.



We invite you to join us for the **11:30am mass at St. Rose of Lima, Sunday, June 3, 2018**, Feast of Corpus Christi, where Mr. Gallegos will be introduced as the new principal. Following mass, there will be a procession with the Blessed Sacrament around the block, ending at the Church with a summer cookout of hamburgers and hot dogs. Mr. Gallegos will be the guest of honor at the cookout following the procession and is looking forward to meeting as many families, students, and members of the community as possible.



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Additional opportunities to meet and greet Mr. Gallegos are being planned for the summer months and will be communicated to the larger community as they get scheduled.

Please join us in thanking the search committee for all the time and effort they put into this process and join us, too, in extending a warm St. Rose welcome to our new principal, Mr. Gallegos!