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*A Catholic School Community*

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### FOUR SISTERS FROM THE DOMINICAN SISTERS OF MARY, MOTHER OF THE EUCHARIST, JOIN THE FACULTY AT BISHOP LOUIS REICHER CATHOLIC SCHOOL

WACO, TEXAS, APRIL 15, 2021. Bishop Louis Reicher Catholic School is honored to announce that four Dominican Sisters from the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist, in Ann Arbor, Michigan, will join its faculty beginning with the Fall 2021 term. Father Ryan Higdon, the pastor of St. Louis Catholic Church, sent Mother Mary Assumpta Long, O.P., Prioress General, an invitation for Sisters to join the faculty, and she officially notified Father Ryan recently that four Sisters would be coming to Bishop Reicher Catholic School in August.

The Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist, is a teaching Order of Religious Sisters who are considered, by many, to be the best teaching community in the United States. The Order was founded in 1997 by Mother Mary Assumpta Long and three other Sisters of the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia in Nashville, Tennessee. Numbering more than 150, the Dominican Sisters are vibrant, joyful, and faithful.

"The Sisters will have much to offer the school and the parish communities," said Mr. Blake Evans, President of Bishop Louis Reicher Catholic School. "Their impact on the parish school community will be immediate as parents recognize the many gifts they bring to the education and faith formation of our students. The Sisters will foster in our students a deeper relationship with Christ through the witness of their love and service to Him."

When Reicher High School opened in 1954, the majority of classes were taught by sisters from The Daughters of Charity. The last nun at Reicher was the feisty Italian nun, Natalie Marengo, who retired from Reicher in 2017.

The Dominican sisters receive requests annually to teach at Catholic schools across the country, but they cannot fulfill many of those requests. Bishop Reicher was selected largely because of its vibrant, Christ-filled community, core values of joy, excellence, unity, and relationship, and the principle of welcoming sinners and fostering saints.

The Dominican Sisters of Mary appeared twice on the Oprah Show back in 2010 and then on the OWN Network for a follow-up in 2015. Mother Assumpta said in the second episode, "Oprah gave us a chance to tell our story." Other media appearances include CBS, NBC, Fox, NPR; catechetical television programs; programs and materials; music CDs; and various forms of social media.

For more information about the Dominican Sisters, please go to [www.sistersofmary.org](http://www.sistersofmary.org)

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