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IHM School Announces New Principal

Today, Immaculate Heart of Mary School, a Diocese of Covington parish school located in Burlington, KY, announced that Mrs. Theresa Guard, currently Assistant Principal, Dean of Students and Math Teacher at Covington Catholic High School, has accepted the role of Principal at IHM.

Mrs. Guard holds a BA in Math Education from Thomas More College, a MAT in Mathematics from the University of Cincinnati, and an MA as a Specialist in Educational Leadership from Northern Kentucky University. She has been teaching for thirty years. She has six children, including two who are current students at IHM.

Mr. Bob Rowe, Principal at Covington Catholic, says of Mrs. Guard: "As an Assistant Principal at Covington Catholic, her leadership on many initiatives was exceptional. She led the identification and execution of the myriad of new processes which have sustained our educational mission in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic and created our school's emergency response readiness plans, with both initiatives being adopted as the model across the Diocese. As the Dean of Students, she has elevated and instituted the House System at Covington Catholic, which will be foundational to fulfillment of our social mission for years to come. Mrs. Guard exemplifies the approach of Covington Catholic faculty and staff of treating every student with individual attention and respect. She will be greatly missed here, but we know her service to Immaculate Heart of Mary will be remarkable. We wish her all the best!"

Monseigneur Dominic Fosu, Pastor at Immaculate Heart of Mary, said, "We are extremely pleased to announce that Mrs. Theresa Guard will become our new IHM School Principal. Mrs. Guard has had many years of experience in Catholic education, including as an educator, administrator, board member, coach and parent. She has experience at the Pre-K through 12th grade levels, as well as at the college level. As a parishioner of IHM, she has served on our Education Advisory Board and Sports Committee as well as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. We know she will be a terrific addition to our school family. Please welcome her to IHM "Sainthood"."

Mrs. Guard will complete the school year at Covington Catholic, and begin her new position at IHM effective July 1, 2021.

Covington Catholic High School is a 2016 Blue Ribbon of Excellence award winning college preparatory high school located in Park Hills, Kentucky, and operates within the Catholic Diocese of Covington. It is an all-male school of 512 whose mission is "to embrace the Gospel message of Jesus Christ in order to educate students spiritually, academically, physically, and socially."

Immaculate Heart of Mary is a 2018 Blue Ribbon of Excellence award winning school which provides a Catholic education to over 450 students in grades Pre-K to 8th, primarily from Boone County. Its mission is “to cooperate with parents in providing quality education to its students, regarding their religious, physical, emotional, social and educational development. Together, we work to foster Catholic values that will guide students to become responsible citizens who embrace the Gospel Message of Jesus Christ.”

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