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Local School Leader Appointed President of Wyoming Catholic College

Dr. Kevin Roberts, Founder and Headmaster of John Paul the Great Academy, to Assume Higher Education Post; Baton Rouge School Administrator Tapped as Replacement

LAFAYETTE, LA (March 21) – Today John Paul the Great Academy, Louisiana’s newest PK-12 Catholic school, announced that its founding headmaster, Dr. Kevin Roberts, has been named President of Wyoming Catholic College. The Academy has achieved distinction early in its history, recently being named a Top 50 Catholic High School by the Cardinal Newman Society.

“With John Paul the Great Academy secure in its permanent campus, with record enrollment this year and next, and with God’s calling for me very clear, I will be making the transition back into higher education,” Roberts said. “The opportunity to lead Wyoming Catholic College, which like the Academy is committed to robust spiritual and academic formation, is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. To have a hand in leading two schools that are so important in the New Evangelization is, indeed, humbling.”

Wyoming Catholic College, based in Lander, Wyoming, was founded in 2005. It has been described as “the most unique Catholic college in America.” Like John Paul the Great Academy, the College has been recognized by the Cardinal Newman Society as one of 28 recommended Catholic colleges in the Society’s annual guidebook. Roberts succeeds the College’s founding president, Father Robert Cook.

Roberts will assume his new duties on June 1, 2013, which gives him just enough time to confer diplomas on the Academy’s largest-ever graduating class of 14 students. The class has secured over \$1 million in college scholarships thus far.

Given the Academy's reputation for excellent academics based on a classical, "Great Books" approach, its Board of Trustees was able to find an outstanding replacement for Roberts. The school has named Mr. Peter Fletcher, currently assistant principal at St. Michael the Archangel High School in Baton Rouge, as Roberts' successor. Fletcher has been instrumental at St. Michael High School in growing enrollment, expanding and improving campus facilities, and in leading a dramatic growth in vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Fletcher also secured an award for Catholic Identity by the Cardinal Newman Society, and he is the founder and director of the Louisiana Youth Pilgrimage to the March for Life. Last year, Fletcher led 11 buses with 550 young people from four diocese to the annual march in Washington D.C.

Asked about his transition to the Academy, Fletcher said, "The opportunity to lead such a dynamic, growing, well-positioned school is humbling. The foundation laid by Dr. Roberts, the Board, the faculty, and the families is extremely solid. I look forward to guiding John Paul the Great Academy through its next phase." Fletcher also commented that his wife, Christie, and their seven children were excited about living in Lafayette. Fletcher's eldest son is a seminarian for the Diocese of Baton Rouge.

Reflecting on the exciting transition for the Academy, its Board Chair, Mr. Rick Cambre, commented, "We, in our short history at JPG, are excited to welcome with great enthusiasm our next headmaster, Mr. Peter Fletcher. With two Masters degrees and a long history in Catholic classical education, Peter will be a great fit to continue the charism that has come to define JPG. We also thank Dr. Kevin Roberts for his vision, dedication, and hard work in establishing this great school. Moreover, we join with the many others around the country in congratulating him on his selection to be the next President of Wyoming Catholic College. That alone speaks volumes to the kind of person he is and the quality of education established at JPG."

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