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Catholic Education Office

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Dear faculty, staff and parents of Marian Central Catholic High School,

As you are probably aware much of the Marian community became alerted to allegations against Mr. Edmondson when an anonymous letter was distributed widely to Marian parents in May 2016. In a letter to Marian parents dated May 26, 2016, the Chair of the School's Council of Administration responded that, even though the letter was unsigned, because of the nature of the allegations, the matter would be investigated by the Rockford Diocese. I write now to report that the diocese presented the matter to the Diocesan Review Board and an investigation was begun.

The extensive investigation, concluded this month, did not uncover any conduct of Mr. Edmondson in violation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. However, in light of allegations that Mr. Edmondson engaged in verbal communications inconsistent with the professional standards demanded of his position as the administrative leader of Marian Central Catholic High School, he is no longer employed there. Mr. Edmondson has denied these allegations.

Father Thomas Doyle, spiritual director and assistant principal of Marian Central Catholic High School, has been named interim superintendent until the position can be filled.

Father Doyle has served at Marian Central for the past seven years. He is also currently serving as parochial administrator of St. Patrick Parish in Hartland. He was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Rockford in 2008.

Let us continue to pray for all those associated with Marian Central Catholic High School, especially our students as they begin a new academic year.

Sincerely,

Michael Kagan
Superintendent of Catholic Schools
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