



DIOCESE OF BELLEVILLE

Announcement

The Diocese of Belleville is very pleased to announce Ms. Brandi Borries as Principal of Mater Dei Catholic High School in Breese.

Ms. Borries has served in education for more than 20 years, most recently serving as Superintendent of Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Springfield. She holds a Bachelor's and Master's degree in education and administration from Eastern Illinois University.

Bishop-Elect Godfrey Mullen, OSB stated: "I am pleased that Ms. Borries brings such a wealth of experience and a breadth of knowledge to our diocesan ministry at Mater Dei. Her enthusiasm and ingenuity are important characteristics for the leader who will help Mater Dei take the next steps forward."

Ms. Borries said "I am deeply honored to accept this appointment. I look forward to partnering with pastors, faculty, and families to continue the tradition of excellence that Mater Dei Catholic High School is known for and ensure our students grow in both knowledge and faith."

Fr. Michael Caruso, SJ, Superintendent of Schools and Director of Education for the Diocese, is excited about Ms. Borries' hiring. He shared, "The Mater Dei community continues to be richly blessed with the appointment of Ms. Brandi Borries as principal. She is moving into a thriving Catholic high school and will bring many gifts and vast experience to lead this flagship school. I pray that the community welcomes her with enthusiasm and will support her in the years to come. My prayers and best wishes to Ms. Borries and all the Mater Dei community, past and present"

Mrs. Sarah Lanham, the Associate Director of Education, has shepherded the process of interviewing and hiring, along with significant input from parties directly involved in the daily operations of Mater Dei. She said, "Brandi Borries brings a deep commitment to Catholic education, proven leadership experience, and a clear vision for forming the whole student. Her strong background as both a principal and diocesan leader, along with her unwavering dedication to faith-centered excellence, position her well to lead Mater Dei Catholic High School into its next chapter."

May God bless the work of all our Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Belleville to His glory and honor.