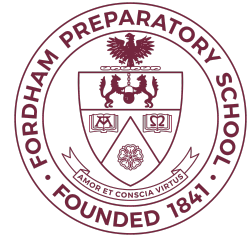


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FORDHAM PREPARATORY SCHOOL ANNOUNCES HIRING OF FIRST FULL-TIME LAY PRESIDENT



BRONX, New York, November 2, 2022 - Fordham Preparatory School is excited to announce the hiring of Anthony I. Day as the 37th president in its 181 year history. Day will begin his tenure on July 15, 2023.

The appointment of Day was made with unanimous approval of both the search committee and the Board of Trustees. This comes at the end of a national search that included a deep pool of educational leaders from both secondary schools and higher education.

Mario Ciampi '78, Chairman of the Fordham Prep Board of Trustees, shared, "We are thrilled to announce that Anthony will be the first full-time lay president in the Prep's long and storied history. His experience as a leader in Jesuit education convincingly elevated him within an incredibly deep and diverse pool of candidates. With the Prep in an extremely strong position, Anthony is the perfect leader to help us build on that position both inside and outside of the classroom. Recognizing his deep commitment to our Catholic Jesuit mission of Faith, Scholarship and Service, the Board and I are excited to partner with him to further every aspect of that mission. I am also very grateful to the members of the presidential search committee for their tireless efforts these past months to help identify such a remarkable Ignatian leader."

Day's appointment by the Fordham Prep Board of Trustees was unanimously ratified by the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) East Province Office. Rev. Joseph Parkes, SJ, Provincial Assistant for Secondary Education (PASE), and former Fordham Prep president, praised the decision stating, "I have known Anthony since my own days in

the president's office at the Prep. I have followed his career in Jesuit secondary education closely. He has distinguished himself both as a teacher and administrator at Regis and Loyola Blakefield. Fordham Prep is blessed to have this great Ignatian leader as its first full-time lay president."

Brian Carney, a 30 year veteran of the Prep's faculty and administration, who is currently serving as Interim President also remarked, "Anthony and I started our careers in Jesuit education together and I am thrilled to welcome him back to the Prep as a colleague once again. He is a leader who is deeply grounded in the rich spiritual tradition of St. Ignatius and a leader who I know will advance the Prep's mission in extraordinary ways."

Day is a long tenured educator and experienced leader in Jesuit high schools having held positions as Assistant Principal of Regis High School and Principal of Loyola Blakefield. For the last nine years he has served as president of Loyola Blakefield (Towson, MD). During his tenure Day led Loyola to its most successful fundraising initiative in school history—a \$32 million capital campaign that resulted in the construction of St. Ignatius Hall, enhanced the school's scholarship endowment, and bolstered annual giving. He was also instrumental in crafting and implementing the strategic vision that has guided the school's growth over the past decade, including the addition of innovative academic and co-curricular programming and the expansion of spiritual formation and service offerings.

This marks the return of Day to the historic Rose Hill Campus where he was a member of the English department from 1992 to 1999. While teaching, he also coached baseball, founded the Prep's volleyball program, and co-moderated the school's Asian-American cultural club. Day also participated in the school's Emmaus retreat program as a faculty leader.

Day holds a Master of Letters from the Caspersen School of Graduate Studies at Drew University, Madison, NJ. He also has a Master of Science in Education from Fordham University Graduate School of Education, New York, NY, as well as a Bachelor of Arts from Saint Peter's College, Jersey City, NJ. He attended Christian Brothers Academy in Middletown, New Jersey.

Upon his appointment, Day remarked, "As an Ignatian educator who began his career at Fordham Prep, I am excited to return to a place that ignited my passion for teaching. I have been fortunate enough to maintain relationships with those I either taught or worked alongside. I'm eager to renew those relationships and dedicate time toward getting to know my new colleagues as well as our students, alumni, families, and benefactors.

Because it centers itself on faith, service, and intellectual inquiry, a Catholic, Jesuit education remains the most powerful educational journey one can experience. I look forward to being part of the transformational mission of Fordham Prep as we collaborate in ways that enhance student life, foster community engagement, and chart a course for an exciting and prosperous future.

I'm incredibly grateful for this opportunity and would like to express my gratitude to all those who were part of the search process, including trustees, faculty & staff, alumni, families, students, and benefactors."

Fordham Prep is proud to welcome Day, with his wife Laura, sons Aaron and Ethan, and daughter Olivia into its vibrant community of students, faculty, staff, parents, and alumni.

Fordham Preparatory School is a Catholic Jesuit all-boys high school located on the historic Rose Hill Campus in the Bronx, New York. Founded in 1841, its mission is to form leaders in faith, scholarship, and service, through a college preparatory experience in the Catholic Jesuit tradition.

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