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Dear Cor Jesu Community,

As we continue to celebrate the Easter season, a time of rebirth and renewed energy, I am excited to share news about the future of Cor Jesu Academy.

I am delighted to announce that the Board of Directors has selected a new Apostle to lead Cor Jesu as its next president. Sr. Susan Marie Krupp, ASCJ '76, will assume the role on July 1, 2023.

Sr. Susan Marie is a familiar face to many at Cor Jesu. She has served at this Apostle ministry for a collective 18 years, first as a teacher in the late 80s and early 90s, then as the founder and director of one of our greatest sources of pride – the Student Learning Center. While overseeing the Student Learning Center, she also stepped up to assist Sr. Veronica Beato, ASCJ '74 as Interim Assistant Principal between my tenure and that of Sr. Mary Grace Walsh, ASCJ, Ph.D.

While many of you know Sr. Susan Marie through her roles at Cor Jesu, you may not be aware of the leadership roles she assumed when not serving on campus. She began her teaching career at Blessed Sacrament Junior High School and Sacred Heart Academy in Hamden, Connecticut. She later taught at St. Vitus School in New Castle, Pennsylvania, before making the transition to school administration. She was principal at St. Vitus for three years, then moved to Tallahassee, Florida, where a group of our Apostles, helped found – and then lead – a new archdiocesan school, John Paul II High School.

In 2010, Sr. Susan Marie was called back to Cor Jesu, where she was inspired to create the Student Learning Center. She wanted to build something that didn't exist at any other Catholic high school in St. Louis – a learning support center for everyone. Thirteen years later, every single student at Cor Jesu will have had some interaction with the Student Learning Center upon graduation. I fully anticipate the vision she made a reality in the Student Learning Center will translate to the entire school as she embarks on this new role.

Sr. Susan Marie is herself a native St. Louisan and graduate of Cor Jesu Academy. Her love for Cor Jesu is unparalleled, as is her devotion to spreading the love of the Heart of Christ through the Apostle Charism of Blessed Clelia Merloni. As president, she will partner with our deans of academics and student life, Dr. Meghan Bohac and Kathleen Wobbe Pottinger '88. Each of these women brings her own unique strengths to our leadership model. Guided by the results of Cor Jesu's strategic planning process, completed this year, I am excited to see how, together, they continue to advance the mission of this ministry that forms women of faith and integrity, community and service.

I know you will join me in congratulating Sr. Susan Marie and praying for her success, and that of Cor Jesu Academy.

In Cor Jesu,

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