

October 8, 2024

Dear Saint Thomas' Episcopal School Community,



The STE School Board is pleased to announce the selection of Seraphim Danckaert as our next Headmaster, effective July 1, 2025. Mr. Danckaert joins our community from Bryan, Texas, where he currently serves as Head of School at Allen Academy, the oldest independent school in Texas. Mr. Danckaert's appointment is the result of an extensive, seven-month national search conducted by a nine-member Headmaster Search Committee, supported by ST Search. Mr. Danckaert was the unanimous choice of the committee, and the School Board endorsed their choice, also unanimously. Mr. Danckaert has enthusiastically accepted the position of Headmaster at STE.

Throughout the rigorous vetting process, Mr. Danckaert distinguished himself as an exceptionally strong candidate. With a proven track record of transformative leadership, as well as a deep passion and clearly articulated vision for classical Christian education, he brings a wealth of experience that aligns with STE's mission and values. Mr. Danckaert graduated *magna cum laude* from Hillsdale College with a B.A. in Classical Studies and *summa cum laude* from Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology with an M.Div. in Divinity. His professional experience includes advancement roles at Princeton Theological Seminary, Orthodox Christian Network, and St. Tikhon's Seminary, and the executive directorship of FOCUS North America, a Christian charitable organization. In addition, Mr. Danckaert served as Headmaster of St. Peter's Classical School in Fort Worth prior to his current role at Allen Academy. His personal interests include golf, camping, hiking and poetry.

The School Board extends its gratitude to the members of the Headmaster Search Committee, our consultants at ST Search, and all members of the STE community who contributed to the search process. We commend everyone involved for their commitment to finding the best possible leader for our school and community.

We thank you for your support throughout the search process and ask that you continue to keep STE in your prayers as we move into an exciting new period in the history of the school. Please join us in warmly welcoming Seraphim, his wife, Anne, and their five children to our community.

In Christ,

The School Board of Saint Thomas' Episcopal School

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