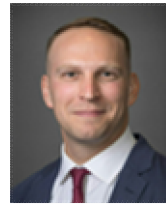


May 15, 2025

Dear Academy Community:

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and the Search Committee, we are thrilled to announce the appointment of Daniel Faas as the next Head of School for the Academy of St. Joseph, effective August 1, 2026. The Search Committee unanimously recommended Dan to the Board of Trustees, who voted, also unanimously, in support of his appointment to succeed Angela Coombs.



Dan brings to AOSJ an impressive record of experience and achievement as an educator, leader, administrator, and visionary for Catholic childhood education. Dan currently serves as the Associate Superintendent for the Archdiocese of Detroit, where he oversees the daily operations of the Catholic elementary schools in the City of Detroit, MI. Prior to his current position, Dan was Principal of St. Charles Borromeo School, a PreK3-Grade 8 Catholic parish school in Harlem, where he partnered with teachers and families to substantially increase enrollment and expand early childhood programs. Dan also has held various positions in the Archdiocese of New York City and elsewhere in Catholic education and leadership, including beginning his career as a classroom teacher.

We believe that Dan will represent our core values embodied in our Mission Statement and in the qualities of Character, Competence, and Compassion. In Dan's own words,

"By cultivating virtue, honoring human dignity, and helping students develop a love for what is good, Catholic schools offer a deeply transformative approach to education — one that goes beyond academics to address the formation of the whole person. In a world where education often feels transactional, the Academy's commitment to forming whole persons sets it apart."

The Search Process

The appointment of Dan Faas represents the culmination of a comprehensive nationwide search process led by Father Anthony Andreassi and our Search Committee, along with our consultants at Carney, Sandoe & Associates. We are grateful for Father Anthony's stewardship and care throughout this process. The search commenced upon the September 2024 announcement of Angela Coombs's retirement following the 2025-2026 school year. We sought a dynamic Head of School who will build on Angela's many accomplishments while retaining the character and culture of AOSJ. You can read more about the search process at <https://www.academyofsaintjoseph.org/about/head-of-school-search>.

We also would like to thank Barbara Daush, Peter Barrett, and Seliat Dairo, our consultants at Carney, Sandoe & Associates, with whom we worked hand-in-hand to implement listening sessions with our community to craft a position statement that attracted a wealth of

qualified applicants. Their understanding of AOSJ and deep experience with these searches made this important task possible. We were thoroughly impressed with the breadth and depth of the applicant pool, which included sitting heads of school, experienced educators, and other well-qualified candidates from New York City and throughout the United States and globally. After careful evaluation, we invited ten semifinalists to interview in March, then narrowed the field to three finalists, each of whom spent two days visiting AOSJ in April.

We valued transparency and engagement in crafting a search process designed to encourage participation from stakeholders across the AOSJ community. We are deeply grateful to the Search Committee, and to all members of the AOSJ community, for your invaluable and enthusiastic participation in this process. We thank you for attending listening sessions, completing surveys and, most importantly, meeting with our finalists and sharing your valued feedback. Dan received strong support across all constituencies in our community, including the administration and faculty and AOSJ families.

Moving Forward

Please join us in congratulating Dan Faas on being named AOSJ's next Head of School and welcoming Dan and his family, including his wife Cait and now six-week-old Ezra, to our community. When Dan steps into the role in August 2026, he will be following Angela Coombs's distinguished 19-year tenure as the Founding Head of School for the Academy of St. Joseph. Over the course of the coming academic year, Dan, Angela, and the Board of Trustees will work together to ensure a smooth transition of leadership as we move forward in the next phase of our thriving education community. As we welcome Dan to our community, we will also have opportunities to celebrate Angela's legacy and express our appreciation for her countless contributions.

We thank you for your ongoing support and trust, and we look forward to your continued engagement as we move forward together toward a bright future.

Sincerely,



David Sylofski
Chair, Board of Trustees



Fr. Anthony D. Andreassi, C.O., Ph.D.
Trustee and Chair, Search Committee

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