June 1, 2026

Dear St. Catherine's Community,

On behalf of the school's Board of Directors, I want to express my profound gratitude to Lina Delgado for her steadfast leadership and dedication to St. Catherine's Montessori since joining our community. In a spirit of thoughtfulness and generosity, Lina has worked with the board to ensure we have ample time to identify SCM's next Head of School. The board is confident that Lina will continue to lead with unwavering commitment and compassion and help ensure a smooth transition upon her departure.

When Lina concludes her tenure in 2027, she will have served five years as Head of School. Since arriving in July 2022 at an important moment for SCM, Lina strengthened the school's leadership structure, built a team that supports faculty and students, and positioned the school to move forward with confidence. Although she was not a Montessorian when hired, Lina not only earned AMI certification and embraced Montessori education, but she deepened her knowledge of the pedagogy and advocated for the highest standards of implementation. Just as importantly, she has fostered a culture of openness, compassion, and support that enables our faculty and staff to do their best work for students and families.

Under Lina's leadership, St. Catherine's Montessori has become a leader in Catholic Montessori education. She invested in the professional growth of faculty and staff and cultivated opportunities to strengthen the Dominican charism throughout the community. Over the next 12 months, Lina will continue to advance our Strategic Plan and Campus Expansion project, and we look forward to celebrating her many contributions. The next Head of School will build on this strong foundation and carry forward SCM's mission and values—Bringing Wisdom to Light.

The board has appointed Angie Gubitz and Denise Stasio as co-chairs of the search committee. We have retained The Education Group (TEG), a national recruitment and leadership consulting firm, to support the search. Angie, Denise, and TEG were also part of the 2022 search process that brought Lina to the school. Additional committee members are Bruce Moses, Sr. Carol Mayes, and board directors Tracey Ledoux and Eric Rodriguez. We are committed to an inclusive process that seeks input from the entire SCM community. In the weeks ahead, Angie and Denise will share the timeline and opportunities for engagement.

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Our strength lies in our dedicated faculty and staff, our students, and our families. With unity, resilience, and God's grace, we are confident the school will continue to flourish through this transition and into the future. Lina has the board's deepest appreciation, as do all of you who make St. Catherine's Montessori such a special community.

Please join us in thanking Lina for all she has done and continues to do and praying for a fruitful search and smooth transition.

Sincerely in the spirit of St. Catherine,



Kevin Smith
President, Board of Directors