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Incarnate Word Academy Names Rosemarie Mucci, Ph.D. to Interim Principal Position.

PARMA HEIGHTS, OH – The Incarnate Word Academy (IWA) Board of Directors has selected veteran educator and administrative leader, Dr. Rosemarie Mucci as interim Principal of the preparatory school (grades 5-8) effective August 1, 2019 through July 31, 2020. Dr. Mucci brings decades of educational leadership experience to IWA with a career that includes positions with some of the largest school districts in Northeast Ohio.

Dr. Mucci has a strong reputation as a collaborative leader who excels at nurturing relationships with all those invested in the success of a school community, including administrators, teachers, staff members, students, parents, business leaders and civic leaders.

In addition to her classroom and principal experience, Dr. Mucci has authored numerous articles on instruction and has served in positions where she's interviewed, supervised, and mentored teachers. Most recently, Dr. Mucci has worked to mentor and supervise student teachers at Baldwin Wallace College and has developed and taught graduate level courses at Walsh University.

Dr. Mucci received both her Ph.D. in Urban Education: Learning and Development and her M. A. in Curriculum and Instruction from Cleveland State University. She received her B.S. from Bowling Green State University with a double major in Health Education and Physical Education. Dr. Mucci's very first job was teaching physical education at St. Anthony of Padua. From there she held teaching and principal positions in the Wickliffe, Strongsville, and North Olmsted school districts.

"I'm honored to work with this vibrant community pursuing our common goal of preparing students to reach their full potential by being ready for high school, college and beyond. My goal is to maintain the high standards while supporting our teachers, students and parents, shared Dr. Mucci. Throughout her career, her personal motto has always been "Children First" and when she learned that IWA's motto was Learn, Love, Serve, "I realized that this was a good fit."

Board Chair, Jonathan Wolnik '94, adds "We are absolutely thrilled to welcome Rose to the IWA family. She's a leader who brings a unique combination of academic leadership and tactical know how to Incarnate Word. She will be an amazing asset to our teachers, students and parents."

Dr. Mucci will be responsible for the preparatory school, while Mrs. Jan Cicerchi maintains her role as the Principal of the primary school (preschool – grade 4). "Dr. Mucci is truly a teacher of teachers and we are very fortunate to have her leading our Preparatory School. I look forward to working and collaborating with her on many school initiatives," said Mrs. Cicerchi.

Incarnate Word Academy was founded in 1935 as a sponsored ministry of the Sisters of the Incarnate Word, serving a diverse group of young learners Pre-K to Grade 8. The Sisters of the Incarnate Word built this school with a commitment to delivering a superior education in an environment rooted in the Catholic Faith. Nationally recognized and respected, IWA continues to be a model of academic excellence in Northeast Ohio with students attending from 20 different communities across a four-county region.

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