



TO: Faculty, Staff and Parent Community of Bishop O'Dea School

FROM: Bishop Joseph Tyson, Superintendent of Catholic Schools

CONCERNING: Appointment of New Principal

DATE: March 28, 2011

I am pleased that Br. Karl Walczak, CFC, has been appointed to be the next Principal of O'Dea High School.

Br. Walczak currently is completing a sabbatical after serving as the President of Brother Rice High School in Chicago, Illinois. He has also served as Principal at Damien Memorial High School in Honolulu, as Director of Education for the Christian Brothers, and a Board Director in several Catholic schools, including O'Dea. In addition, he has served on the National Catholic Education Association's Secondary School Executive Committee, and represented non-public schools for the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

Br. Walczak brings a great deal of experience in serving as an administrator in Catholic high schools and as a leader at the national level. In meeting with him, I was quickly convinced that his background and commitment to Catholic education will be a great asset to O'Dea High School.

Br. Walczak will be working with Br. Dominic Murray and the transition team selected from the staff at O'Dea to bring a smooth transition for him to assume full leadership for the 2011-2012 school year. He will be planning to visit the school in early June after completing his sabbatical.

I also wish to express my gratitude for the twenty-three years of generous service Br. Murray has given to O'Dea High School. His calm and peaceful manner has brought him a deep respect from the community and his willingness to work with the staff to provide a quality Catholic education to the young men of the Archdiocese will be remembered and appreciated by the community. I thank him and wish him well as he moves toward his well-deserved sabbatical, and may the Holy Spirit lead him, with blessings, to where his gifts are needed for the next opportunity to serve.

cc: Archbishop J. Peter Sartain  
Tracey Rockwell, President Archdiocesan School Board  
Br. Daniel J. Casey, Province Councillor  
Br. Hugh O'Neill, Province Leader