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## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Office for Catholic Schools is pleased to announce the appointment of Kristin Dixon, principal of Our Lady of Guadalupe School in West Seattle, as Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Professional Development.

In her new position, Kristin will oversee the implementation and assessment of Common Core standards and the integration of topics pertinent to Catholic schools. She will also oversee the standards and assessment of the K-12 religion curriculum and will design and administer a comprehensive program for the professional development of teachers and principals.

Other duties include representing the superintendent's office at the Pierce and Olympic Peninsula regional meetings and serving as liaison for several agencies.

Ms. Dixon is well respected for her leadership of Our Lady of Guadalupe School, where she has served for 14 years, improving its academic excellence and financial stability as a mission-centered Catholic school. She has served as a mentor for several principals, as chair of the Seattle Principals' Deanery and of the Executive Principals, and as a visitor on several accreditation teams. She envisions leadership as serving from the center, "uplifting and igniting our teachers with the tools each needs," and she has modeled professional development for others by finding and following a path of growth for herself. Previous to her present position, Kristin has served as teacher and vice principal at All Saints School in Puyallup and as a middle school teacher at St. Monica's school on Mercer Island.

Kristin's duties as assistant superintendent will begin on July 1, 2013, and we are very happy to welcome her to the Office for Catholic Schools.