



SAINT PAUL'S SCHOOL

February 13, 2023

Dear St. Paul's Community,

As most of you may be aware, in early December of last year, Brother Raymond Bulliard, FSC, President of St. Paul's School, was diagnosed with cancer. Since that time, Brother Ray has been on leave while undergoing treatment for the illness. On February 7, 2023, I received a letter from Brother Nick Gonzalez, FSC, the Provincial/Visitor of the San Francisco New Orleans District of the Christian Brothers, informing the Board of Trustees that he was withdrawing Brother Ray from his duties as President of St. Paul's so that Brother Ray could better focus on his health.

Since Brother Ray's diagnosis in early December, Mr. Trevor Watkins, AFSC, has been the acting President of St. Paul's in accordance with the succession plan previously established by Brother Ray. Upon receipt of Brother Nick's letter, the Board of Trustees convened and appointed Mr. Watkins interim President. The Board of Trustees is very pleased and thankful that Mr. Watkins has agreed to accept this interim position. Mr. Watkins is no stranger to the St. Paul's community. He is a graduate of 1979, has worked in various positions at the school since 1983 and served as Principal from 2009 until last year when he retired. Mr. Watkins worked closely with Brother Ray for many years, and the Board of Trustees is confident that he is the person to lead the school in this time of transition.

The Board of Trustees, with the help and assistance of the Office of Education of the De La Salle Institute, has already begun the process of initiating a focused search to identify a permanent President for St. Paul's. We are grateful to Brother Nick and the District for their guidance during this process. Rest assured, the Board is keenly aware of the uniqueness of St. Paul's and the many distinct attributes that make St. Paul's such a special place. Our goal is to find the right person to preserve what Brother Ray and his team have created at St. Paul's while leading St. Paul's to new heights in the future. The Board looks forward to keeping our community closely apprised of our ongoing efforts to select St. Paul's next leader.

It is impossible to overstate what Brother Ray has done for St. Paul's and how important he has been to the school since the 1970's. After taking over the leadership of St. Paul's in 1987, he truly brought about a renaissance at the school. He created a climate and culture at St. Paul's where the Lasallian tradition permeates all aspects of



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school life. We thank Brother Ray for his decades of outstanding service and for all that he has done for St. Paul's. We ask for your continued prayers for Brother Ray and for his full recovery. We look forward to the day when he will be able to return to serve the St. Paul's community in another capacity.

Cordially and sincerely,

Dan Richard Dorsey

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Chairman of the Board of Trustees
Saint Paul's School