



Announcement: For Immediate Release
The High School of St. Thomas More School, Champaign

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The Office of Catholic Schools for the Catholic Diocese of Peoria is pleased to announce the creation of a new leadership position at The High School of St. Thomas More in Champaign, Illinois: **Chief Operating Officer (COO)**. To best support the high school's motto of *Students Today. Community Leaders Tomorrow. Christ's Disciples Forever.*, **Mr. Anthony Corapi** has been appointed to this new position.

As the school's COO, Mr. Corapi will have direct leadership oversight of the areas of fiscal management, development, enrollment, marketing, safety, building and grounds, athletic programs, student discipline, and mission and vision implementation. As Chief Operating Officer, he will work collaboratively with all stakeholders to ensure the implementation of the school's mission and vision in accord with diocesan and local school policies under the direction of Superintendent Dr. Sharon Weiss and with the approval of Bishop Daniel R. Jenky, CSC, and Coadjutor Bishop Louis Tylka.

Prior to joining the administrative team at HS-STM, Mr. Corapi recently retired as a Captain in the United States Navy. His expansive leadership experience spans over 29 years on active duty. He served most recently as Commanding Officer of the Naval ROTC Unit at the University of Illinois in Urbana Champaign. Other notable assignments include Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing Eleven in Jacksonville, Florida, Military Assistant to the Executive Secretary of Defense at the Department of Defense in Washington DC., and Commander, Patrol Squadron Sixteen in Jacksonville, Florida. Mr. Corapi earned a Master of Science Degree in Operations Management from the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, Arkansas, and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from The Citadel in Charleston, South Carolina. Mr. Corapi and his wife, Jill, are parents of three children and are members of St. Matthew Parish in Champaign.

Mr. Corapi will be joining Sr. M. Bridget Martin, a religious sister with the Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George. Sr. M. Bridget is the Principal of The High School of St. Thomas More and was also a teacher at the high school before serving in her current role as principal. Sister will continue her administrative leadership oversight in the areas of curriculum, instruction, professional development, evaluation of faculty and staff, catechetical and faith formation, personnel management, and diocesan and local school

policies, implementation. Under her leadership, HS-STM has implemented the House System, has raised funds to replace the lockers and flooring in the school, and is currently in the starting phases of a Strategic Plan. Her professional credentials include a Master's Degree in Catechetics and Evangelization from Franciscan University of Steubenville in Steubenville, Ohio, and a Bachelor's Degree in Secondary Education with a concentration in Social Studies, also from Franciscan University of Steubenville in Steubenville, Ohio. This fall, Sr. M. Bridget will be completing the General Administrative Certification Program at Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska.

The High School of Saint Thomas More is the only private, Roman Catholic comprehensive, co-educational high school in Champaign, Illinois, and one of six diocesan high schools in the Catholic Diocese of Peoria. The school opened its doors for the first time in the fall of 2000 with an enrollment of eighteen students; current enrollment is 220 students. HS-STM is known for its academic rigor with a college prep emphasis, and is a Blue Ribbon recipient awarded by the U.S. Department of Education in 2014 for exemplary teaching and learning.