



March 13, 2024

Dear Assumption Catholic School Parents,

Mr. Anderson is announcing today that next school year he will be taking a position as Superintendent of Schools for the Diocese of Monterey in California.

First, I want to say how happy I am for him – this is a wonderful opportunity for him professionally, allowing him to serve the Lord through Catholic education in an even broader way; and it is a wonderful opportunity for him personally, allowing him to be nearer to his children and aging mother. Mr. Anderson has been a steady hand, a listening ear, and a loving heart for our families and students, and our school has thrived under his leadership. The best Christian ministers know that the only thing that really matters in ministry is how many souls have been brought to the saving love of Jesus, and Mr. Anderson can move on confidently knowing that his work in Bellingham has benefitted many of our young souls. He has done so much for us, and I am happy to see him so richly blessed.

Second, I want to reassure you during this time of transition. I know how important a good principal is for the success of a school and how important our school is for the success of our children, so I am dedicated to doing everything I can to find the best principal possible to fill Mr. Anderson's shoes. The principal search is a big responsibility, but this is the Lord's school and these are the Lord's children, so I am confident that the Lord is going to continue to care for and bless our school community through this process.

On a practical level, I would ask the following things from you:

1. Your prayer. Our future principal will only be as good as our applicants, so please pray that the right people will be inspired to apply for the position, and that I and the search committee can make a wise choice.
2. Your recommendations. The best applicants come from our own community networks. If you know someone who would be excellent in this position, please encourage them to discern it.
3. Your input. I want to hear from our parents about what is most important to them in a future principal. I am tentatively thinking about holding a listening session on March 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. I will confirm time and date in a special text once I am certain.

In Christ our savior and guiding light,

*J. Moore*