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## **Trinity High School Announces New School President/Principal** ***President Sister Shawn Lee and Principal Linda Bacho to retire***

(GARFIELD HEIGHTS) – The Board of Trustees of Trinity High School announced today that President Sister Shawn Lee and Principal Linda Bacho will retire effective June, 2022. These retirements prompted the Board to vote on a change in the administrative structure of Trinity High School and are proud to announce that Mr. William Svoboda has been promoted to President/Principal of Trinity High School effective June, 2022.



Mr. Svoboda is a 1981 graduate of Trinity, where he was accomplished in Trinity's religious formation and athletic programs. He will become Trinity's third President since Marymount High School transitioned from an all-girls school to co-ed in 1973, changing its name to Trinity.

After graduating from THS, Mr. Svoboda earned his BBA and educational degree from Cleveland State University, and then returned to his Alma mater in 1985. He went on to earn his Master's degree in Educational Administration and Principal License from Ursuline College in 2007. He has served in many roles during his 37 years of service, including teacher, Head Basketball Coach, IT Director, Campus Minister, Assistant Principal, Chief Financial Officer and Director of Religious Formation. The Board endorsed Mr. Svoboda based on his wealth of experience and passion for Trinity High School. "Bill has always had an incredible heart for his ministry, and his alma mater. His experience and skills connect well with our community, and our transformational Pre-Professional Internship Program which hold future career success for our students" said Board Chair Robert Kehoe.

Regarding the appointment, Mr. Svoboda stated, "I am humbled to continue my servant leadership at Trinity as have the administrators that I have served with in my 37 years. Sister Catherine Britton, Dr. Thomas Maher, Mr. Joseph Waler, Ms. Carla Fritsch, Ms. Lynn Bacho, and Sister Shawn Lee have each shared their vast knowledge and wisdom with me over my years of service. I am dedicated to build on our mission of having students first and foremost find God's love more fully in their Trinity High School experience. Having our students college prepared and career ready when they leave our halls has always been a priority as well. The educational landscape is always changing, and my vision is to keep Trinity thriving spiritually, college & career ready, athletically, and on the cutting edge of education moving forward."

The beloved Sister Shawn Lee is a 1962 graduate of Marymount High School, serving as a teacher, and ultimately as President of her Alma mater for more than a quarter century. Sister Shawn was instrumental in the inception of Trinity's unique internship program, and the creation and growth of the school's biggest benefit, Out of the Blue. She is a graduate of Ursuline College, and attained her Master's Degree in Religion and Personal Development from Duquesne University. "It is difficult for me to take the step of retiring, but I know it is the right move both for me and for Trinity," said Sister Shawn. "I see wonderful growth on the horizon and I am confident that we have chosen the right person to lead us into the future."

Mrs. Linda Bacho is a 1973 graduate of Marymount High School, the final graduating class of Marymount before the transition to Trinity. After graduating from Kent State University, Mrs. Bacho returned to her Alma mater in 1980. She earned a Master's degree in Guidance and Counseling from John Carroll University in 1986 and a second Master's in Educational Administration and Principal License in 2007 from Ursuline College. Mrs. Bacho and has served in a variety of roles in her over four decades of service. She has been a teacher, very successful coach, Athletic Director, Director of Guidance, Assistant Principal, and Principal since 2010. Under her direction, more than 95% of Trinity graduates have gone on to higher education. "Trinity has been my second home for more than 40 years," said Mrs. Bacho. "We have seen this campus transform itself throughout the years to stay in the forefront of education success, always preparing our young men and women to become critical thinkers and servant leaders beyond their time at Trinity. I have been very proud to have served the Trinity Community for the past 42 years, and I have no doubt the new administrative team will continue to promote our Franciscan values that have made Trinity the caring and compassionate community we all know and love."

Both Sister Shawn and Mrs. Bacho will remain as active members of Trinity's Board of Trustees.

Mr. Svoboda also announced two new members of his administration, adding Math Teacher Mrs. Mary Sorozak and Guidance Counselor, Mrs. Francine Wisinski to his team.

### **About Trinity High School**

*Supported by Franciscan values, a rigorous college preparatory curriculum, and the transformational Pre-Professional Internship Program, Trinity High School educates culturally diverse young women and men from all backgrounds to become compassionate servant leaders, critical thinkers, and life-long learners.*