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### **Diocese of Des Moines Office of Catholic Schools Names Dr. Anne Franklin Director of Professional Learning**

April 21, 2020, Des Moines, IA — The Diocese of Des Moines Office of Catholic Schools is pleased to announce that Dr. Anne Franklin is the new Director of Professional Learning. Franklin brings more than ten years of experience in educational leadership having served in administration at Holy Trinity School in Des Moines, and as a classroom teacher at both Waukee Community School District and Mount Pleasant Community School District. Franklin earned her Master of Science in Educational Leadership degree and Doctor of Philosophy in Educational Leadership degree from Drake University, where she specialized in PK-12 special education supervision and the impact of a standards-based grading model. She also holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Secondary Education, Bachelor of Science degree in English and Bachelor of Arts degree in Writing with endorsements in reading, language arts, and middle school.

As a leader in Catholic education, Franklin is devoted to ensuring educators have the resources and knowledge to support student learning across the education continuum. Franklin has shared her expertise with fellow educators at national conferences and has authored a number of professional publications. In her role as Director of Professional Learning, Franklin will coordinate efforts across the diocese to build highly effective school administrators and classroom teachers through collaborative planning, professional development, coaching, alignment of curriculum and assessment practices, data analysis to inform best practices, and the development of systemic responses to academic and behavior needs for all students.

“Dr. Franklin brings a wealth of professionalism and expertise to this role. Her desire to continue her own education and share that knowledge with her colleagues is inspiring,” said Donna Bishop, Superintendent of Schools. “I’m ecstatic to add Anne to the Catholic School Office team to support our teachers and administrators in advancing the great work they do every day in our Catholic schools.”

Franklin will assume her role with the Office of Catholic Schools effective July 1, 2020.

The Diocese of Des Moines Catholic Schools includes 16 schools in 23 counties in central and southwest Iowa. Catholic schools in the Des Moines Diocese build Christ-centered, collaborative, inclusive partnerships with parents, students, and parishes to provide innovative academic excellence and inspirational faith formation for students.

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