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Christ the King Catholic School Announces New School Administrator

April 21, 2020, Des Moines, IA — Christ the King Catholic School, located at 701 Wall Avenue, is pleased to announce that Daniel Thole is the new school administrator for the 2020-2021 school year. He brings more than seven years of experience in education, having served as a classroom teacher, administrator, behavior interventionist, and director of secondary programs.

Thole earned his Master of Educational Leadership degree from Creighton University in Omaha where he was inducted into the Jesuit Honor Society. He also holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics and Secondary Education with a minor in Catholic Studies from Loras College in Dubuque. As a leader in Catholic education, Thole has written and published mathematics curricula and specializes in research-based learning through technology. He was awarded the Outstanding Educator of the Year for the 2016-2017 school year, and the Iowa Governor's Scholar Favorite Teacher Award for both the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 school years.

"I am so very excited to welcome Daniel to the Christ the King School community and our leadership team in the Diocese of Des Moines, said Donna Bishop, Superintendent of Schools. "He brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise in classroom management, data-driven instruction, and an enthusiasm for learning that is infectious! Additionally, his background in Catholic school leadership and Catholic faith studies will continue to strengthen the values-based educational experience for all students at Christ the King School."

Thole will assume his role as Administrator at Christ the King School on 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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