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ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC SCHOOL IN URBANDALE ANNOUNCES NEW SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR FOR 2022-23

January 15, 2022, Des Moines, IA — St. Pius X Catholic Parish and School, located at 3601 66th Sreet in Urbandale, is pleased to announce that Alex Baranosky will be its new school administrator for the 2022-2023 school year. Baranosky brings more than a decade of experience in education as a classroom teacher at Dowling Catholic High School and assistant administrator at St. Pius X Catholic School.

Baranosky earned a Master of Science in Educational Leadership degree, a Bachelor of Fine Arts and a Bachelor of Science in Education, all from Drake University in Des Moines. He will complete his Specialist in Education, EdS with Superintendent licensure in 2022. As a leader in Catholic education, he has initiated and facilitated mentorships, professional development and faith formation programs for faculty and staff at St. Pius. Over the last four years as the assistant administrator for St. Pius, Baranosky has enriched academic and faith programs through collaboration with teachers and parents. Adept in communications and marketing, Baranosky has also led enrollment efforts resulting in a 10 percent enrollment growth and increased student diversity.

"Alex brings an enthusiasm and authenticity to his role as a school leader," shared Donna Bishop, Superintendent of Schools. "His genuine care and concern for the school community resonates with faculty, staff, parents and students creating a vibrant school community. We are blessed to have him lead St. Pius X Catholic School as its new administrator!"

"The greatest joy in leading a Catholic school is sharing and growing in our faith," said Baranosky. "I am most proud of the work I've done collaborating with teachers and students on school-wide projects like the Refugee Family Advent project and the introduction of an end of the day all-school prayer. I look forward to continued partnership with the entire St. Pius parish and school community as we work to 'Love Others. Love God. Make Disciples. And Restore All Things in Christ.'"

"We are so very excited and blessed to have Alex as our new Principal and Administrator," said Fr. Dave Fleming, St. Pius X Pastor. "Having already served here as Assistant Principal, Alex brings his unique gifts of administration, visioning for the future, and genuine compassion to build upon the existing excellent faith-filled educational foundation we have here at St. Pius X."

Baranosky will assume his role as administrator of St. Pius X Catholic School on July 1, 2022.

St. Pius X Catholic School, founded in 1956, serves students in preschool through eighth grade. Building on the foundation of Catholic values, St. Pius X Catholic School provides students the opportunity for spiritual growth, the development of moral character, and academic success.

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. To learn about more Catholic schools in the Diocese of Des Moines, visit www.dmdiocese.org/catholic-schools or email ExpectMore@dmdiocese.org.

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