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VALLEY CATHOLIC SCHOOL ANNOUNCES ITS NEXT PRESIDENT

Beaverton, Ore. – The Valley Catholic School Board of Directors announced Tuesday, May 11 the appointment of Robert G. Weber as the school’s next President. He will assume his duties on July 6, 2010, succeeding Sr. Rita Watkins, SSMO, who is stepping down after eight years as President.

Weber comes to Valley Catholic from Blanchet Catholic School in Salem, Ore. serving students in grades 6-12. He has worked as the school’s Principal since 2000 and prior to that was its Vice Principal for three years.

The President of Valley Catholic is responsible for overseeing all management, fiscal, programmatic, and planning activities of the PreK-12 school. Weber will work closely with the school Board of Directors and supervise and support all school administrators. Major initiatives will be to strengthen the continuity of curriculum development across grade levels as well as to increase the visibility of Valley Catholic School in the Portland area.

Weber is not new to campus as he spent four years teaching and coaching at Valley Catholic High School from 1993-1997. Weber is a 1987 graduate of Central Catholic High School in Portland and holds a journalism degree from the University of Oregon and a master’s in teaching from Pacific University.

“We are thrilled to welcome Bob,” said SSMO Ministries President Sr. Adele Marie Altenhofen. “He has a genuine sense of the tradition and values of our unique campus; he is eager to come back and be a part of it again.”

Valley Catholic School Board Chair Tom Cleary said, "The Valley Catholic School Board of Directors is excited to announce the appointment of Mr. Robert Weber. We are pleased to have such a bright, energetic and experienced individual to join us as our school President and are confident he will move Valley Catholic forward in exciting ways. This is a great day for our entire community."

Weber will be introduced to the entire faculty and visit the campus frequently in May and June. The school community will hold a welcome event for him when classes resume in September for the 2010-11 school year.

In looking forward to his new role, Weber said, “My goal is to carry on the traditions established over the past 100 years by the Sisters of St. Mary of Oregon and to help Valley Catholic become a stronger, more unified community that shares a common vision of excellence.”

Please visit the [Presidential Announcement page](#) on Valley Catholic’s Web site to access Weber’s biography and photo. You will also be able to see the official Valley Catholic press release and read Weber’s responses to some of the questions posed to him during the interview process.

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Valley Catholic School is a private, Catholic PreK-12 school on the 43-acre campus of the Sisters of St. Mary of Oregon in Beaverton. If you would like more information about this topic or to schedule an interview with Robert Weber or school administrators, please contact Karen Crandal at (503) 906-1119 or kcrandal@valleycatholic.org.