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**ST. PAUL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
ANNOUNCES NEW PRESIDENT**

Superintendent of Catholic Schools Dale R. Hoyt announced that, effective July 1, 2008, Mr. Cary Dupont will accept the appointment by Archbishop Henry J. Mansell as the next President of St. Paul Catholic High School, replacing Fr. Timothy O'Brien, President since 2005.

Mr. Dupont currently serves as President and Chief Professional Officer for the United Way of West Central Connecticut, a position he has held for over ten years. Mr. Dupont is a product of Catholic education, having graduated from both St. Paul Catholic High School in 1972 and the University of Notre Dame in 1976. His children, Sarah, Class of 2003 and Andrew, Class of 2008, share the legacy of St. Paul.

Mr. Dupont worked in development at St. Matthew School in Forestville then served in the Office of Catholic Schools as Assistant Director of Development guiding the volunteer advancement efforts of over 70 diocesan elementary schools. During his tenure at the United Way, Mr. Dupont has become a respected community leader, and has been involved in raising over \$15 million in support of local programs and collaborative initiatives.

For the last nine years, Mr. Dupont has served in a volunteer leadership role on the St. Paul school board. Cary's passion for Catholic school education, as well as his dedication to community, and to service qualify him as an excellent choice to lead St. Paul. He is committed to building partnerships with others in order "to unleash the caring capacity of the St. Paul community and achieve greatness for our school." His goal is to "bring human and financial resources together in support of the quest for excellence, in the classrooms, on the fields, and in preparing our students for life in college and beyond."

Superintendent Hoyt also announced the resignation of current St. Paul Catholic High School President, Reverend Timothy O'Brien effective January 28, 2008. At the request of Archbishop Henry J. Mansell, Fr. O'Brien has served in this capacity since 2005, acting as the external representative of the school. Mr. Hoyt commended Fr. O'Brien and the St. Paul Catholic High School community for their successes in the areas of academics, advancement and admissions, most notably the development of the school's strategic plan which has provided a firm foundation for continuous improvement.

While serving as President, Fr. O'Brien has also served full-time as Pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in New Hartford. The demands of his parish necessitate Fr. O'Brien's full return to this ministry, but he has agreed to continue to serve St. Paul as a member of its School Board.

During the period of February through June 2008, Assistant Superintendent Maria Maynard, in collaboration with the Office of Catholic Schools, will support St. Paul Catholic High School. Mrs. Maynard will work with St. Paul's deans, Sharon Mielcarz and Robert Kaminski, to provide oversight in academics, finance, admissions and advancement.

Founded in 1966 by the Archdiocese of Hartford, St. Paul Catholic is a co-educational, college preparatory high school regionally located in Bristol, Connecticut on twenty-seven beautiful acres. Today, St. Paul serves 300 students from nearly thirty communities in central and western Connecticut.

For over forty years, St. Paul Catholic High School has educated, nurtured and prepared more than 6,000 students to meet the challenges of college and their career options. The traditional values that are taught at St. Paul last a lifetime.

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