

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **ST. PAUL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL ANNOUNCES NEW LEADERSHIP MODEL**

Superintendent of Catholic Schools, Dale R. Hoyt, announced that, as of August 22, 2007, a new leadership model was established at St. Paul Catholic High School in Bristol, establishing a more comprehensive management team patterned after those in place at many private preparatory schools and Catholic high schools. The new structure consists of a President/Chief Administrative Officer, a Dean of Academic Life, and a Dean of Student Life. The two positions of Dean replace a single principal, allowing leadership to better respond to student needs academically, morally, spiritually, physically, and socially.

Sharon Mielcarz has been appointed Dean of Academic Life and in this role will manage daily school matters involving academics, curriculum, and the supervision of Faculty Department Chairs. Sharon's thirty-year tenure at St. Paul Catholic High School illustrates her extraordinary commitment to the success of the school and its students.

Robert Kaminski, former Department Chair for Guidance at St. Paul, has been named Dean of Student Life and charged with managing all aspects of the school not related to academics, including athletics, admissions, student activities, health, physical plant, and guidance. In his role supervising the Guidance Office, Bob will continue to ensure that St. Paul students receive the supervision and support necessary to successfully fulfill their college goals.

The Reverend Timothy O'Brien will continue to serve as President/Chief Administrative Officer, devoting his energies to the school's advancement efforts in concert with the School Board. Father O'Brien is confident that this new leadership model will strengthen St. Paul Catholic High School, stating, "St. Paul has a proud tradition and a very bright future. With this new administrative team we can better equip our students with the tools necessary for success in this twenty-first century world. A progressive model such as this allows for greater innovation academically and socially. It is intended to advance St. Paul's mission of providing the very best college preparatory Catholic education to our students. St. Paul's students deserve excellence and that is what this administration is committed to offering them – and nothing less!"

Fr. O'Brien also announced that Dr. James Aseltine, an educational consultant to high schools and school districts with extensive administrative experience, will be working with St. Paul on a volunteer basis this year, providing assistance, guidance and support.

St. Paul Catholic High School is a coeducational, college preparatory Catholic high school with a growing enrollment of 280 students located at 1001 Stafford Avenue, Bristol. It is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges.

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