



POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT
Superintendent
Marian Central Catholic High School
Woodstock, Illinois

Peregrini via Veritatis
Pilgrims on the Way of Truth



Marian Central Catholic High School is a Roman Catholic High School located in Woodstock, Illinois. It is the diocesan central high school for McHenry County, functioning under the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of the Bishop of Rockford and supported by all 17 Parishes in McHenry County. The Diocese invites nominations and applications for the position of **Superintendent**. The Superintendent is the general administrator responsible for the successful functioning of the School and plays a critical leadership role in the areas of admissions, advancement, financial management, marketing, and public affairs. The Superintendent reports to the Council of Administration and the Diocesan Superintendent of Schools.

THE SCHOOL

Marian Central Catholic High School was founded, built and opened in 1959 with 421 students. The first graduating class included 52 seniors. Sisters of the Holy Cross staffed the School until 1973 along with Priests of the Parishes and Lay Teachers. The School has grown to include nearly 700 students today. It features an excellent college preparatory education, as well as a full complement of co-curricular activities including highly competitive sports programs, and a broad spectrum of arts programs as well.

The School's Mission is: We, the administration, faculty, staff, students, and families of this Roman Catholic Diocesan High School, dedicate ourselves:

- to welcoming all who seek Truth and strive to live by it;
- to proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ – the Way, the Truth, and the Life – by our sharing of the Catholic faith in word and deed;
- to forming students in mind, body, and soul through our college preparatory curriculum, diversity of extracurricular activities, and program of spiritual growth; and,
- to sending servants into the world equipped with their God-given talents and acquired wisdom to spread God's kingdom.

Marian Central Catholic formulated a ten-year strategic plan in 2013 to take the School to 2020 and beyond. The plan will continue to be a guide for the financial and academic welfare of the institution. It includes specified needs in academics, buildings and grounds, athletics, and fine arts. It identifies brand positives to build on and challenges (with recommendations) in the marketplace. Key statistics: currently, the School operates an annual budget of \$6.6 million, receives 64% of the revenue from tuition, and has a student/teacher ratio of 16.8 to 1.



Academics are only a part of the curriculum at Marian. Throughout the school year, Marian holds spiritual retreats, daily masses, monthly All School Masses, three seasonal Athlete-Coaches Masses, and a Communal Penance Service during Lent. All year long Marian Central encourages its students to participate in volunteer work and offers opportunities for students to contribute their talents and time to charities through extracurricular organizations such as Project Hope, Operation Snowball, Student Council, Key Club, and the National Honor Society. Marian calls its students to be supportive, caring individuals in the classroom, on the stage, on the athletic fields and courts, and in the community. Marian students regularly participate in charitable and outreach programs in the region.

Marian offers a Catholic faith community where students are encouraged to grow religiously and spiritually as they interact with each other, the church, and society. Our curriculum challenges all students, fosters academic excellence, encourages the development of critical thinking skills, promotes physical wellness, and leads to a commitment to life-long learning, within a caring and moral educational environment. We prepare our students to be responsible citizens in society as well as active participants in the church and in the world. Most importantly, at Marian Central, we guide our students in character development and the establishment of ethical standards through the application of Catholic principles and the teaching mission of the Church.

A long list of academic and college preparatory success at Marian may be touted. Currently, the School is proud to announce it has two 2017 National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists, one of whom scored a perfect 36 on the ACT.

Both the school's football and volleyball teams have great traditions of success on the state level. The football team won class 2A state titles in 1983, 1986, 1987, and 1989; and placed 2nd in Class 5A in 2006. This past year, the team made it to the state quarterfinals. Women's volleyball took 3rd in 2010, 2nd in 2011, and 2nd in 2016, all in Class 3A. The team won the state volleyball tournament in 2015.

Other athletic programs have similar success, including the girls' soccer team taking state runner-up honors in 2011 and 2016; the boys' baseball team placing 3rd in 2010; and the school's cross country teams taking 1st and 3rd in 1A competition in 1998 and 1999. These successes are further burnished by many regional and sectional titles, as well as individual athletes competing in wrestling, tennis, and golf. The school boasts of one alumnus actively engaging in professional athletics, Bryan Bulaga of the Green Bay Packers.

The Marian Central arts program includes yearly concerts from both bands and choirs, as well as a yearly art show featuring the creative works of the students in areas such as drawing, painting, photography, clothing design, and ceramics. The school's theater program features four annual productions: a fall play, a winter musical, a spring show in the "black box" tradition, and a student/faculty variety show.



LEADERSHIP



The Most Reverend David J. Malloy is the ninth Bishop of the Diocese of Rockford. He was ordained and installed on May 14, 2012.



Father Max J. Striedl, Pastor of St. Mary Parish in Huntley, IL, is the Chairman of the Council of Administration for Marian Central Catholic High School.



Mike Kagan is the Superintendent of Schools for the Diocese of Rockford. He has served in this role since April 2010.



Father Thomas J. Doyle is the Acting Superintendent, Assistant Principal and Spiritual Director of Marian Central Catholic High School. He has been at the School since 2009.

SUPERINTENDENT ROLE AND LEADERSHIP

Working with the Superintendent of Schools of the Diocese of Rockford, the Superintendent plays a crucial administrative role which assures long-term success for Marian Central Catholic High School while overseeing day-to-day leadership of the School. While providing encouragement, counsel and general guidance to the academic and co-curricular aspects, working closely with the school's principal and director of activities, the Superintendent has specific responsibility for the oversight of the financial, admissions, development, marketing, and public relations aspects of the School.

THE REGION



Woodstock is the bustling county seat of McHenry County, Illinois. First established in 1844, Woodstock is a growing, vibrant community with strong commitments to long-held historic, cultural, educational, healthy-living, and healthy environment values. The Woodstock Square is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and includes the historic Woodstock Opera House - featuring more than 500 performances each year- and the Old Courthouse, the current home of the Old Courthouse Art Center. Woodstock's Farmers Market is the top ranked one in Illinois and in the top ten nationally. The popular movie Groundhog Day – featuring Bill Murray and Andie MacDowell - was filmed in Woodstock in 1992.

Unique and inviting shops offer ample opportunities to discover jewels, and the area boasts many fine and casual dining establishments. Dedicated to memorializing the crew of the ill-fated Challenger Space Shuttle, Woodstock is home to the Challenger Learning Center. The area also is home to Aurora University, an undergraduate and post-graduate higher educational institution. Centegra Health is McHenry County's largest employer and Centegra Hospital Woodstock has evolved from a small, hometown hospital to a leader in innovative medical treatment. With nearly 550 acres of parkland and many more acres of open space, Woodstock demonstrates a strong commitment to natural beauty and outdoor engagement. The City offers the Woodstock Water Works Aquatic Center, the Woodstock Recreation Center (fitness), a 2.5 mile walking and running path, and numerous sports fields and athletic facilities.

Furthermore, Woodstock is proximate to Chicago and its many world-class entertainment, cultural, sporting, culinary, shopping, and recreational opportunities. It is less than 50 miles to O'Hare International Airport by interstate. The city is also accessible by Metra rail, which has a station stop in downtown Woodstock. The world is easily at your fingertips, but at an advantaged cost-of-living.

CANDIDATE PROFILE

The successful candidate for this position will be a person of high integrity with a passion for Catholic education and must be a practicing and active Catholic in good standing. This leader will exhibit an understanding of the various facets of Catholic education and must model the Faith in the School and community. The Superintendent must be capable of dynamic strategic leadership and planning. He/she will be a good listener, and will be people-oriented, collaborative, diplomatic, and capable of maximizing available resources. He/she will foster strong relationships with Parish Priests and Parishes for the betterment of the School.

The Superintendent must display keen capability as a community and School advocate and spokesperson. He/she will exhibit successful financial management and budgeting experience as well as a penchant for growing admissions and student engagement. This leader must have a solid understanding of and passion for advancing fund development including fundraising for annual fund, events, major gifts, planned giving, and campaigns, and must foster increased and positive engagement with more than 7,000 alumni, as well as parents and friends. A strong understanding of human relations processes and the development of talent and teams is required, and the successful candidate will be capable of collaborating, mentoring and encouraging other leaders such as the principal, faculty, the athletic director and staff.

A master's degree is required with a preference for a degree or emphasis in education and finance. This position reports to the Superintendent of Schools of the Diocese of Rockford with a dual report to the Council of Administration (Board). For more information about this position and to read the full position description, please click the following link: [Superintendent](#).

NOMINATIONS AND APPLICATIONS

Nominations and applications will be accepted until the position is filled. **Inquiries, nominations, and applications may be directed in confidence to: Robert Driver, c/o Gonser Gerber LLP, 1776 Legacy Circle, Suite 100, Naperville, IL 60563; rdriver@gonsergerber.com.** To apply, please submit a cover letter, résumé, and five (5) professional references. References will not be contacted until later in the search process.

For more information about Marian Central Catholic High School, please visit <https://www.marian.com/>. For more information on the Diocese of Rockford, please visit <http://www.rockforddiocese.org/>.