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Christian Brothers Names 47th Principal

Christian Brothers High School is proud to welcome the school's 47th principal, Mr. John O'Connor. O'Connor brings extensive experience and a deep commitment to Lasallian Catholic education to the position, as seen in his 22 years of experience in education, 17 of those with Lasallian schools.

O'Connor attended Archbishop O'Hara High School, a Lasallian Catholic school, in Kansas City, Missouri. He went on to earn a bachelor's degree in education from University of Missouri, Columbia and a master's degree in school leadership from Baker University. He returned to his high school alma mater eight years later to begin his teaching career and coach football. He then moved on to serve as dean of students, athletic director, assistant principal and principal at other schools in Kansas City before ultimately returning to Archbishop O'Hara in 2011 to serve as principal and activities director. In 2015, the diocese made the decision to close Archbishop O'Hara and replace the school with a new Catholic high school that would not be guided by the Lasallian charism.

"I am so happy to be at Christian Brothers because of its strong Lasallian tradition and amazing school culture," says O'Connor. "Since the start, it has felt incredibly warm and welcoming. There is an indescribable energy on campus and within the student body. Everyone I encounter has been fantastic to work with. I look forward to having a great school year and continuing the tradition of Christian Brothers."

"It was clear during the hiring process that John O'Connor is deeply committed to Lasallian Catholic traditions," says President Lorcan Barnes. "His dedication to De La Salle's mission and experience in the classroom, on the field and as an administrator were unparalleled. There is no doubt that we have found an outstanding person to take the reins and continue leading Christian Brothers on a path of success and excellence."

The O'Connor family left Kansas City in July and has since been adjusting to a new neighborhood and new schools. Emma '20 is in her freshman year at Christian Brothers and Zoe attends sixth grade at Sacred Heart School in East Sacramento. John's wife, Kelly, is an elementary school teacher at St. Robert Catholic School.

"It is an honor to be here," says O'Connor. "I'm grateful to be entrusted with the sacred responsibility of working with our amazing faculty and staff to ensure that Christian Brothers High School is the place to be, now and in the future."