



January 13, 2021

Dear Mater Dei Catholic Community,

St. Ignatius of Loyola once wrote, "*Teach us to give and not count the cost.*" To my mind, this captures the heart and the dedicated work of Mr. John Rey. After working hard to raise Mater Dei's overall health and vitality, Mr. Rey has decided to step down in his leadership role as President to concentrate on family following this 2020-2021 school year. It is always difficult to say "goodbye" to a friend, but we also know that Mr. Rey is a Crusader for life.

With so many moving parts, leading the operations at Mater Dei is no easy feat. Since 2001, Mr. Rey has been committed to the families of Marian and Juan Diego/Mater Dei Catholic High School. While Mr. Rey's education and background are focused on finance, he became a jack of all trades at Mater Dei. In this time, he has worked as a teacher, Director of Operations, Vice President of School Advancement, CFO, and for the past 5 years, as President. Under Mr. Rey's leadership, the school has seen improvements in enrollment, financial stability, management of the school's operations, and overall sustainability. He has led a committed and caring staff through the dire challenges of 2020, all the while keeping the safety of the school community as a priority.

Outside of his education and experience, everything I needed to know about John Rey came out when he interviewed for the President position. When asked, "What makes Mater Dei unique?" he responded, "Our students are *known* and *loved.*" His sincerity struck me. It is our students who have been the source of his inspiration and commitment for the past 19 years. For this, we are most grateful.

The Diocese of San Diego and the Board of Directors will be leading a national search to find the next visionary leader for Mater Dei. Mr. Rey will also be an integral part of this process and into the transition.

The Mater Dei Catholic Community and the Diocese of San Diego are indebted to Mr. Rey's dedicated service and leadership. We pray that the next chapter of his personal and professional life will bring equal success. As Scripture says, "*Well done, good and faithful servant*" (Mt 25:23).

In Mission,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Galvan", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

John Galvan
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