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Dear School Families and Parishioners:

For the past few months, I have been searching diligently for a principal for South City Catholic Academy. I am pleased and excited to announce that Mrs. Laura Hirschman has accepted our offer to be principal of South City Catholic Academy. While her position does not officially start until July 1, 2017, Mrs. Hirschman will begin working directly with me over the next four months to “build” our new school.

Mrs. Hirschman is a practicing Catholic and an active parishioner at St. Joseph Parish in Imperial, Missouri. She currently serves her parish community as a member of the St. Joseph School Board.



In her 17-year professional career, Mrs. Hirschman has served as a teacher, head of student programs, and principal at Premier Charter School (formerly St. Louis Charter School). Mrs. Hirschman brings to South City Catholic Academy a wealth of knowledge and experience in curriculum development, student outcomes, professional development of teachers, educational and enrichment program design, and implementation and engagement of community stakeholders. She has earned a Master of Educational Administration (K-8), a Master of Arts in Education, and a Bachelor of Arts in Communication.

I find Mrs. Hirschman to be an energetic, student-centered, and collaborative educator and I am confident that South City Catholic Academy will grow and succeed under her leadership. Her first task as our new principal will be to assist me in the teacher hiring process.

All parishioners and families will be invited to an event in the next couple of weeks to meet Mrs. Hirschman. Please join me in welcoming Mrs. Hirschman to our South City Catholic Academy!

Sincerely,

Maureen DePriest

Associate Superintendent for Elementary School Administration

cc: Rev. Craig T. Holway, Pastor – St. Joan of Arc  
Rev. Peter M. Blake, Pastor – Our Lady of Sorrows