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Dear Parishioners and School families,

I pray and hope that you are well. Regarding an important message, I am writing this letter to all our parishioners, families, and well-wishers of Seton Catholic Primary School. With this academic year, 2023-2024, Mrs. Kim Becker will retire as Elementary principal. Mrs. Becker served as principal for the past 14 years. Her retirement is well deserved, but her leadership presence will be greatly missed.

Mrs. Becker excelled in leadership and interpersonal relationships with parishioners and the student community. The greatest strength of Mrs. Becker was to personally accompany every student in their growth in faith and academics. She was keen on helping those students who needed special attention. The other quality in her was to listen deeply and respond in a timely manner. She always kept the Pastors informed of important events and made sure of priest-presence. Her leadership shined during moments of crisis and worked diligently to address them. She knew how to separate emotions from facts and never took issues personally. Her professional attitude was unique in that way! She helped students to nurture a faith-based approach to education and she did it by her witness. Everyone has always commended her readiness to avail herself generously to teachers and students when needed. During the historical and unprecedented time of crisis in the pandemic, she made sure that our students always received quality education via both in-person and virtual learning. She has been a wonderful leader and a great friend!

On behalf of our parishioners, all the alumni, and our school & parish staff, I thank Mrs. Becker for her faithful and dedicated service to our students. We are planning to host a public farewell for her, and I hope to see you all during that time. More information will follow shortly.

This leaves me with a huge responsibility to find a new principal equally qualified as Mrs. Becker. I seek your prayers and God's assistance. I have formed a Search Committee comprising of 6 members. This committee has started its work by creating job postings and gathering information. They will seek input from staff, school families, and parishioners soon. Please stay tuned for more information from them. Meanwhile, they work with the Archdiocesan leadership to determine a list of qualified candidates for interviewing. Eventually, I will look to this committee to consider all input and candidate interviews to grasp our current school context & near-term needs/goals. They will recommend to me who they believe should be offered the opportunity to lead Seton Catholic Primary School as the next principal. I am grateful to each member of this committee.

Please keep the search process in your daily prayers. Let us also offer our grateful prayers to God for Mrs. Kim Becker. May God bless and reward her with many years of good health, peace, and joy in retirement.

In Christ,

Fr. Sengole Gnanaraj, STL
Pastor/Administrator