



Georgetown Visitation

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

April 25, 2018

Dear Friends,

As I conclude my 30th year as Head of Visitation, I couldn't be prouder of what we continue to accomplish as a community: forming well-prepared and service-minded women who make a difference in our community, our Church, and our world. This weekend, we will break ground on Berchmans Hall, the culmination of our successful capital campaign, which will provide an exciting new frontier of learning for our talented students. The school has never been on stronger footing.

It is on this note of promise and excitement that I have informed our Board of Directors that the 2018-2019 school year will be my last as Head of School. This decision is the result of thoughtful reflection on my part and extensive discussions with the Board about ensuring a smooth leadership transition. Beyond 2019, I look forward to continuing to serve Visitation in an emeritus capacity, which the Board and I will work to define more specifically over the next year.

For the past 45 years, it has been my privilege to serve in Catholic education. In 1986, I was fortunate to join Visitation as a member of Sister Berchmans' leadership team and subsequently follow in her footsteps as Head of School, advancing Visitation's mission to educate women of faith, vision, and purpose. In partnership with Sr. Berchmans, the Board, and Mary Kate Blaine, our principal, we have steered the school through times of challenge and opportunity, charting a steady course forward shaped by our Catholic, Salesian values, and marked by an openness to new ideas and possibilities. This collaborative approach and combination of tradition and flexibility has served us well.

Through the years, I have been blessed to work with the incredible educators of Georgetown Visitation, including many of the Sisters and the talented, committed lay faculty who have embraced the school's mission and charism; their loyalty and friendship have been great gifts. I am especially grateful to Sr. Berchmans, whom I count as an inspirational leader, mentor, and dear friend.

These decades have been defining ones for me, not just professionally, but personally. Twenty-five years ago this summer, just weeks after the fire, I married Alice. Together, we have welcomed four beautiful children, all of whom have grown up on Visitation's campus; fittingly, our youngest, Katie, is poised to enter the school as a freshman this fall. Visitation has been a home, not just for me, but for our family.

As I prepare for my next chapter, I am deeply grateful for the wonderful community of students, parents, alumnae, faculty, and staff that make Visitation so special. You have enriched my life immeasurably; I appreciate your friendship and support. I look forward to exciting new opportunities both for me and for Visitation as the school grows and evolves, always guided by the Sisters' steady vision and prayerful support.

Sincerely,

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Daniel M. Kerns Jr.
Head of School