



Georgetown Visitation

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

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Dear Visitation Family and Friends,

Dan Kerns, a strong, vital presence at Visitation since his arrival as Assistant Head in 1986, has advised the Board of Directors that the 2018-2019 school year will be his last as Head of School.

How does one enumerate Dan's marks of excellence during his more than three decades at Visitation? Perhaps the motto of the recent capital campaign, *A Cherished Past, A Vibrant Future*, best describes Dan's contributions to the present strengths and future opportunities of our school. The first lay leader of the school, Dan has built on our firm foundation while championing educational advancements to ensure Visitation continues to have a competitive academic program, world-class facilities, financial stability, and a creative vision for the future. Dan's greatest gifts to Visitation rest in his embrace of our Catholic identity, our Salesian spirituality, and his tremendous loyalty to the Sisters.

Under his leadership, we rebuilt Founders Hall following the devastating fire of 1993, then built the Nolan Center for the Performing Arts and Fisher Athletic Center even as we thoughtfully and incrementally grew the student body to nearly 500 students. Over the past five years, he has spearheaded the most significant capital campaign in our school's history, allowing us to more than double the endowment to over \$30 million; establish the St. Jane de Chantal Salesian Center to ensure that our charism continues to enrich the lives of our students; enhance our financial aid program so that every deserving young woman has access to a Visitation education; and transform our campus with the building of Berchmans Hall and the Saints Connector.

Dan's selfless dedication to his work has inspired us all as we work together to educate women of faith, vision, and purpose. His commitment to innovation has given rise to dynamic leadership and service programs that are now an integral part of school life. Thanks to Dan, our school is thriving, forward-looking, and responsive to the

expectations of current academic thinking, enriched by the traditions and rich legacy that make Visitation unique.

The school's Board of Directors has already begun the work of identifying the next Head of School. Alumna and current Board member Beth Eck Olchowski '89 has generously agreed to chair the search committee. Information about the search committee team; LeaderFit, the search firm they have selected; the process and timeline; and opportunities for you to offer input to the search process will be posted on our website at www.visi.org/head-of-school-search.

We look forward to honoring and celebrating Dan's faithful work in the coming year.

Sincerely,



Sr. Mary Berchmans Hannan '48 & '50
President Emerita



Marguerite Conley '86
Chair, Board of Directors