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### **Brother Michael Andrejko, FSC, Named Next Principal of Central Catholic High School**

*1986 Viking formally returns to lead alma mater*

**Pittsburgh, PA** – At the approval by Bishop David Zubik, and the District of Eastern North America’s Provincial/Visitor, Brother Robert Schaefer, FSC, Brother Michael Andrejko, FSC, has been named the next Principal for Central Catholic High School. Br. Michael succeeds Brother Anthony Baginski, FSC, who has led the premier college preparatory Lasallian high school located in the Oakland neighborhood of Pittsburgh since 2016. Br. Michael’s ministry formally begins July 1, 2022.

A Brother for more than thirty years, Br. Michael currently serves as the Director of Vocations for the District of Eastern North America (DENA). Since 2017, Br. Michael and his team have visited the more than 30 ministries throughout DENA educating and advancing the vocation of The Brothers of the Christian Schools, inviting young people to discern God’s call in their lives, and providing opportunities for young men to consider the unique religious life of a Christian Brother.

“While I’ve been calling Central Catholic High School community my home these past couple of years, living and serving my Brothers as Community Director, I am thrilled that I will be able to serve my alma mater in a more formal role,” said Br. Michael. “While my most recent ministry with the District allowed me to meet and interact with our many students throughout DENA, I look forward to fully immersing myself in the daily life of Central Catholic, and leading this educational community I love.”

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Brother Michael previously ministered at Central Catholic as a Teacher and Campus Minister from 2007 to 2010. Br. Michael returns to take the helm at Central after serving as Principal at St. John's College High School in Washington, DC for six years, and after he will have served as a representative to The Brothers of the Christian Schools 47<sup>th</sup> General Chapter in Rome, taking place in May of 2022. Having been delayed a year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this seven-year gathering as required by *The Rule* of the Brothers Institute sets the direction and focus for the De La Salle Christian Brothers' international mission of education for the young, especially the poor, for the next seven years.

"I thank Br. Michael for his years of service to our District Office, and am grateful that he has accepted the invitation to lead Central Catholic," said Brother Robert Schaefer, FSC. "Central Catholic holds a special place in my heart as I too was able to lead this vibrant institution of committed Brothers and Lasallian Partners, and engaged students and families for a short time. There is no doubt, that with Michael's experiences as Teacher, Campus Minister, Administrator, and Brother, and fresh off of his international experience in Rome this May, that the future of Catholic Lasallian education in the Viking nation is in good hands!"

*The Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools, inspired by the life and vision of John Baptist de La Salle, the Patron Saint of Teachers of Youth, is an international Roman Catholic order of lay Religious Brothers. Together, and by association with their Partners-in-Mission, the Institute strives to provide "a human and Christian education to the young, especially the poor." The Institute sponsors schools and other educational ministries in seventy-seven countries worldwide, including the ministries of the District of Eastern North America (DENA). Throughout the United States and Canada, there are more than 90 ministries and programs, educating and caring for more than 99,000 Lasallian students, thanks to the dedication of more than 10,000 Christian Brothers and Lasallian Partners. DENA stretches from Warren, MI to Providence, RI, and from Toronto, Canada, to Homestead, FL and Bayamón Puerto Rico.*

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