

# De Marillac Academy

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Dear Friends:

I am pleased to announce that Mike Daniels has been named as the incoming President of De Marillac Academy, a unanimous appointment made by the school's Board of Trustees. Mike will officially assume the role of President in June 2008.

The Board of Trustees charged the Search Committee with finding a visionary leader with a deep commitment to the mission of De Marillac Academy, strong academic experience and credentials, a background in fundraising, and outstanding interpersonal and communication skills. We believe that we have found the perfect fit in Mike Daniels.

Many of you already know Mike personally. He currently serves De Marillac as the Director of Communications and Major Gifts. Prior to joining De Marillac, Mike was a Religious Studies teacher and the Director of Campus Ministry at Sacred Heart Cathedral Preparatory, where he managed a team of lay and religious faculty and coordinated the faith life for a campus of 1,200 students. During this time, he also served as a Resident Minister at the University of San Francisco (USF), while obtaining his Masters Degree in Theology. Mike brings international experience to De Marillac, having worked as a community organizer along both sides of the U.S.-Mexico border with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps and Los Niños International. In addition to his proficiency in Spanish, he also brings in-depth knowledge of, and a long-term commitment to, the Tenderloin community. A former parishioner at St. Boniface Church, Mike was a Volunteer Group Leader at the St. Boniface Neighborhood Shelter, overseeing groups of students from USF.

A graduate of St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia, Mike has a strong and deep devotion to Catholic education, believing that Catholic schools must educate students in mind, body, and spirit. He is continuing his own education at USF, where he is enrolled in the doctoral program in Catholic Educational Leadership.

From February through May, Mike will work closely with Catherine Ronan Karrels in order to ensure a smooth transition. As Catherine shared with the community last spring, she will be returning to the east coast this June, where she will become the Head of School at Stone Ridge School of the Sacred Heart (her alma mater) and live closer to family. As the founding President/CEO Catherine has done an excellent job of bringing De Marillac to where it is today. With a core of dedicated and talented faculty, staff, and administrators, the school is strong and well-prepared for this significant transition. The Board wishes to express its sincere gratitude for Catherine's hard work, dedication, and visionary leadership. She will be greatly missed.

This year's Gift of a Day Event, "Illuminating the Future," will be held at the Westin St. Francis in San Francisco on April 17. The event will not only serve as a major fundraiser for the school, but will also be our public opportunity to celebrate Mike's appointment and Catherine's contributions and passionate service to De Marillac Academy. I hope you will join us for this very special and important occasion in the history of De Marillac Academy. More information regarding the benefit can be found on our website: [www.demarillac.org](http://www.demarillac.org).

Thank you for your continued support of De Marillac Academy.

Sincerely,



Carole Swain, Ph.D.  
Chairperson, Board of Trustees