



## **St. Thomas High School**

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### **Dear members of the St. Thomas High School community:**

I am grateful for the opportunity to visit the STH campus as a finalist in your search for the next principal. I look forward to my visit with great excitement, and I pray that the Holy Spirit will guide the search committee in selecting the next leader. It is a privilege to be considered, and I hope to spend time getting to know the people that make STH such an amazing place.

### **Current Career Situation**

Since 2012, I have served as the Principal at Our Lady of Mercy, a parochial school in Baton Rouge, LA serving 950 students in Pre-K3 through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Mercy is a special place with a rich history of prayer, knowledge, and service. As I began my fifth year in this role, enrollment had increased 25%, fundraising efforts raised over \$8 million for two new facilities, teachers integrated innovative technology, standardized test scores were higher than ever before, and the parish completed a rebranding, all of which attracted many new families who desire to be part of this thriving Catholic school community. I have been blessed to serve Mercy in such an exciting time of growth and change. At Thanksgiving of this year, I resigned my position to prioritize my family and to pursue other professional opportunities.

### **Prior to This**

Prior to Our Lady of Mercy, I spent six years at Holy Spirit Preparatory School, a Pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade independent Catholic school in Atlanta, GA. I was involved in most every aspect of school life, teaching first grade, junior high theology, and then serving as Assistant Principal for two years. Outside the classroom, I dedicated myself to coaching, campus ministry, and clubs to help students fulfill their God-given potential.

### **Personal, Education, Family**

I was born in New Orleans and grew up in Baton Rouge where I attended Catholic High School, an all-boys college preparatory school. I then moved to South Bend, IN where I attended the University of Notre Dame, earning a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration. I began my career in education through Notre Dame's Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE Program), serving for two years as a fourth-grade teacher in South Central, Los Angeles while earning my Masters Degree in Education. I also completed coursework in theology while in seminary with the Congregation of Holy Cross. I am a product of Catholic education, and my professional career has been dedicated to this mission, helping to form students to be the men and women God calls them to be. My wife Kayla and I have been married for four years. We have a three-year old son Anthony, and we just welcomed our daughter Maria this past July.

### **Closing Comment**

I am excited to explore this opportunity because I believe my skills, strengths, and experiences align well with the current goals of STH. The school's mission and vision for the men of St. Thomas inspire me as I discern where God might be calling me next. It would be an honor to serve as principal during the transition to lay leadership, and I would commit myself to preserving, embodying and sharing the Basilian values in every aspect of school life. I am energized by the STH master plan, potential increases in enrollment, and expansion of program offerings for the students.

During my visit I hope that you will experience my passion for Catholic education and formation, as well as my desire to help boys become good men. STH is a community that I would be blessed to be part of, and I am excited about the possibility of building upon the rich tradition as the school grows into the future. Thank you for your consideration.

In Christ,

Brian Moscona  
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