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## ST. ALOYSIUS SCHOOL APPOINTS HOLLY ZAMORA AS PRINCIPAL

Tulare's St. Aloysius School, a Catholic school offering a faith-based education to students in grades Transitional Kindergarten through eight, has proudly appointed Holly Zamora to the position of principal.

"St. Aloysius is so much more than a school," said Reverend Monsignor Rick Urizalqui, who serves as the pastor for St. Aloysius School. "It is a community of students, families, teachers and St. Aloysius parishioners who all come together for the education and spiritual growth of these children."

No stranger to the campus, Zamora previously served as the school's third grade teacher for eight years. She was the Standardized Assessment Coordinator responsible for the administration of the St. Aloysius STAR Testing Program, collaborating with other instructors to analyze student data, enhance curricular practices and develop any necessary intervention initiatives. Zamora has also served as a member of the Leadership Team responsible for creating accreditation reports and organizational strategic planning.

"My goal is not only to uphold the St. Aloysius commitment to providing the best possible education to our students," said Zamora, "but also to nurture the welcoming culture that sets apart our school community. I plan to do so in a way that ensures the resiliency and financial security of our school for the future."

The school participates in activities popular in public schools, such as a "buddy program" between eighth grade and kindergarten students; "Poetry and Prose" competitions; and sixth graders' participation in SCICON.

But St. Aloysius School also prides itself on its differentiators:

- All students attend weekly mass every Friday morning. Classes from grades K-8 take turns preparing the liturgy and through this hands-on experience, learn to better appreciate the parts of the Catholic Mass and what it means when Catholics come together as a faith community to celebrate the Eucharist.
- Each month the school highlights a specific virtue such as prudence, justice, fortitude, temperance, faith, hope, or charity; and students who embody those virtues are recognized at a school-wide assembly.
- Students are exposed to out-of-the-classroom learning experiences through "God's Green Garden" - the school's on-campus garden, where each grade has a plot they maintain. They plant, tend and harvest various fruits, vegetables and herbs. The students also grow natural loofas and combine them in gift sets with dried-herb-infused bath salts and sell them at campus farmer's markets.