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Brothers and Sisters,

Our Superintendent for Schools, Joan Bouchard has announced her retirement! Joan has faithfully served in this role for over six years and her dedication to Catholic Education extends well beyond her role as Superintendent.

It has been a true blessing to witness Joan's authentic and steadfast leadership. Through her vision and hard work, she strengthened and enhanced the educational experience for literally thousands of our Catholic school students in ways that will leave a lasting impact on our Diocese for years to come.

Joan will conclude her tenure on June 30th, 2026. While Joan continues to lead Catholic Education in our Diocese, I will be coordinating with my Human Resources Director, Chel Nelson and others, to initiate a search for our next Superintendent. I am confident that we will find a leader who, like Joan, will *Fulfill the Mission of Jesus Christ* and continue the rich legacy of Catholic Education in our Diocese.

If you have further questions about this transition process, I encourage you to reach out to our Office of Human Resources at (559) 488 – 7400 or DioceseHR@dioceseoffresno.org. Please join me in showing gratitude for Joan Bouchard and wishing her a peaceful and fulfilling retirement!

The Most Rev. Joseph V. Brennan, D.D.
Bishop of the Diocese of Fresno