



HABEMUS PRINCIPALEM!

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With all due respect to my high school Latin teacher, I offer this as the sum of my thoughts after the search for a new Principal at Seattle Prep. As you remember from our recent experience as a worldwide Church, when the Cardinals in conclave achieve the necessary votes to select the next Pope of the Roman Catholic Church, white smoke is sent heavenward from a little chimney at the Vatican, and then one of the Cardinals proclaims the following from the balcony: *HABEMUS PAPAM! We have a new Pope!*

We at Seattle Prep have our own white smoke to celebrate as Fr. Mike Tyrrell will assume the role of Prep's next Principal this summer. He replaces Dr. Matt Barmore who has served us so well for the last eight years. Matt has become my colleague and friend

and is a man of deep spirituality and prayer. Students are grateful he has chosen to be back in the classroom full time.

Fr. Tyrrell comes with a 25-year wealth of experience in Jesuit secondary education. He is currently completing six years at Bellarmine Prep in Tacoma where he has been Superior of the Jesuit community, a counselor in the school, a member of the administrative team, and a chaplain to the community of Hispanic Catholics in Kent. He also has experience at each of the other Jesuit schools in the province, including service as Principal of Gonzaga Prep in Spokane from 1983-1989. He has held positions in Oregon Province administration and served on the Board of Members during Seattle Prep's first Sponsorship process.

For me, having Fr. Tyrrell come to be our next Principal means another brother Jesuit on our campus with whom to share this work and another priest who can contribute to the sacramental life of the school. Welcome!