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Seton Welcomes New Principal Victor Serna

Bishop Olmsted appoints LA Archdiocese Master Principal to lead school



CHANDLER, Ariz., July 12, 2017—On July 1, Seton Catholic Preparatory officially welcomed Victor M. Serna (*left*) as the new principal to lead the East Valley’s only Catholic college preparatory high school. In March, the Roman Catholic Diocese of Phoenix announced the appointment of Serna by Bishop Thomas J. Olmsted to the role of principal. He fulfills the role from immediate past Principal Pat Collins. Collins served the school in various capacities since 1992, including the past 12 years as principal. She announced her retirement to the Seton community in the spring.

Serna comes to Seton Catholic Prep from the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, having recently served as a Master Principal, chosen by the director of Catholic Education in the archdiocese to form, advise, and train Catholic leaders.

“My wife Evelyn and I are excited to become part of the Sentinel community,” said Serna. “I consider myself blessed to serve my faith through the ministry of Catholic education. I believe in educating the whole person through a rigorous curriculum, access to co-curricular and extra-curricular activities including leadership opportunities and service to others, personal support, and daily encounters with Christ.”

Prior to joining Seton Catholic, Serna held the position of principal at St. Turibius Catholic School in Los Angeles since 2013. Prior to that, he served as assistant principal and dean of students at his alma mater, Bishop Mora Salesian High School in Los Angeles. He also served as athletic director of St. Mary Catholic School and associate athletic director at the Salesian Family Youth Center, both in LA.

Serna earned a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from California State University - Northridge, Los Angeles, and master’s degrees in Secondary Education and Educational Administration from Mount St. Mary’s University. He is in the process of completing his third master’s degree in Instructional Leadership.



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He holds teaching and administrative services credentials from the state of California. He has received Catholic leadership training through the Principal's Academy in the Notre Dame University Alliance for Catholic Education and through the Salesian Leadership Institute for Ministry with the Salesians of Don Bosco, Western Providence.

Serna and his wife reside in Gilbert, Ariz., and look forward to making the East Valley and Seton Catholic Prep their home.

About Seton Catholic Preparatory

Seton Catholic Preparatory is a private, coeducational high school in Chandler, Arizona, open to students of all faiths and dedicated to academic excellence, leadership and loving service to others. Seton Catholic Prep, founded in 1954, serves young men and women from parochial, private, charter, public and home schooling backgrounds and is the only Catholic college preparatory high school in the East Valley of Phoenix. The Seton experience allows ample opportunity for students to discover and develop their God-given talents in a supportive community, thus enabling them to succeed in higher education. Seton Catholic Prep is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, and the Western Catholic Education Association. www.setoncatholic.org.

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