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**BISHOP GARCIA DIEGO HIGH SCHOOL APPOINTS NEW PRINCIPAL**



W. Paul Harrington, Ed.D. is appointed the 11th principal of Bishop Garcia Diego High School in Santa Barbara since the school opened in 1959 announced by John Gherini, Chairman, Board of Trustees. Dr. Harrington has served as Vice-Principal, Dean of Studies, and Mathematics instructor at the school since July 2008. Harrington was offered the position as principal following a national search conducted by the Board of Trustees headed by a Search Committee representative of all school constituents.

Harrington is well poised to lead Bishop High as principal. Formerly at the Westerly School in Long Beach, Harrington served as Director of Admissions and Financial aid as well as a Mathematics instructor. From 2003 to 2005 Dr. Harrington was a resident Director for the Office of Student Housing at Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles. He was appointed Principal at the Advanced Education School in Lomita following four years at Nativity School in Los Angeles where he served as Vice Principal and teacher.

Harrington earned a Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership from the University of Southern California in 2008. He also holds a Master of Arts degree in School Administration from Loyola Marymount University and a Bachelor of Science in Biology from Fairfield University in Connecticut.

Dr. Harrington replaces the Rev. Thomas J. Elewaut who has served as principal at the school since 2002. Rev. Elewaut announced his retirement from school administration last September. Bishop Garcia Diego High School is an independent Catholic co-educational secondary school that welcomes students of all faiths and provides them with the spiritual, personal and intellectual knowledge to meet the enduring challenge of realizing their God-given potential in a multi-cultural society.

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