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**Veteran Marianist Educator Michael E. Loyet Appointed  
First Lay President of St. John Vianney High School**

Michael E. Loyet, an educator and administrator at Catholic Marianist schools in St. Louis for more than 25 years, has been named the first lay president of St. John Vianney High School. The school, founded in 1960, is a private Catholic all male college preparatory high school associated with the Marianist Province of the United States. Loyet was selected after a national search by Vianney's Presidential Search Committee

Loyet, who will assume his position on July 1, 2007, has been associate principal for student development at Chaminade College Preparatory School since 1997. He was previously dean of academics, a teacher and coach from 1982 to 1997 at Vianney High School, from which he graduated in 1977. His four brothers, Dennis, Rick, Craig and Pat, also graduated from Vianney High School.

Loyet holds a lifetime teacher certification in business education and has received many outstanding teacher awards from students and the University of Missouri-Columbia. Loyet earned a master's degree in educational leadership from Saint Louis University and a master's degree in finance from Webster University. He completed his bachelor's degree in business administration at

Southeast Missouri State University, with a major in accounting and a minor in Spanish, and passed the CPA exam in 1988.

“Mike Loyet has demonstrated excellent leadership and energy at both Chaminade and Vianney high schools, using the five characteristics of Marianist education to guide his interactions within both school communities,” said **Fr. Timothy M. Kenney, S.M.**, director of education for the Marianist Province of the United States. The province sponsors 18 secondary/middle schools, including Ireland and Puerto Rico, educating nearly 13,000 students annually; and three universities in Honolulu, Dayton and San Antonio, educating about 15,000 students each year.

The five characteristics of Marianist education include:

1. Educate for formation in faith.
2. Provide an integral, quality education.
3. Educate in family spirit.
4. Educate for service, justice and peace.
5. Educate for adaptation and change.

Vianney, which completed a new \$5.5 million **Vianney Fieldhouse & Commons** in fall 2006, has a new \$3.5 million **Education Wing** under way to provide new high tech classrooms, a library/media center, multimedia rooms, and faculty and administrative space. Construction is set for completion in summer 2007.

St. John Vianney High School opened its doors in 1960 to serve the rapidly growing population in the surrounding Catholic parishes. The school is dedicated to forming young men for spiritual, academic and personal excellence in the Catholic Marianist tradition. Vianney High School currently serves 638 students from more than 30 school districts, nearly 50 parishes and 58 zip codes.

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