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SACRED HEART SCHOOL HONORED TO ANNOUNCE
DR. LAURIE SUAREZ WILT AS PRINCIPAL, EFFECTIVE APRIL 28, 2025

The Most Reverend Gerald M. Barbarito, Bishop of the Diocese of Palm Beach, together with Mr. Gary Gelo, Superintendent of Schools, is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Laurie Suarez Wilt as the next principal of Sacred Heart School in Lake Worth Beach, effective April 28, 2025.

Dr. Wilt brings with her a deep commitment to her Catholic faith and a lifelong dedication to the education and development of children. With more than 30 years of experience as both a teacher and school administrator, she has devoted much of her career to literacy, passionately teaching reading to learners of all ages.

Her professional journey includes numerous leadership and teaching roles within the School District of Palm Beach County, where she has consistently demonstrated a commitment to academic excellence, student well-being, and faith-centered education. In addition to her full-time work, Dr. Wilt has also served as an adjunct professor at Palm Beach Atlantic University, where she shared her expertise and mentored future educators.

Dr. Wilt's educational background includes a distinguished list of academic achievements:

- Doctor of Education in Leadership, American College of Education
- Educational Specialist in Leadership, Nova Southeastern University
- Master of Science in Teaching English Language Learners, Nova Southeastern University
- Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education, Palm Beach Atlantic University

She holds Florida state certification in multiple academic areas, including Reading, English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), Elementary Education, School Principal, and Educational Leadership.

A devoted wife and mother, Dr. Wilt lives a God-centered life that guides both her personal and professional actions. She is known as a compassionate leader who leads with her heart, believing in the vital connection between faith, family, and education. Her work with students of all ages, including those with diverse learning needs, exemplifies her inclusive approach and her mission to ensure every student is seen, supported, and empowered to succeed.

Please join us in warmly welcoming Dr. Wilt to the Sacred Heart community. We look forward to the vision and leadership she will bring to the Diocese of Palm Beach and Sacred Heart Catholic School.

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Photo: Dr. Laurie Suarez Wilt, the next principal of Sacred Heart School in Lake Worth Beach, effective April 28, 2025 is attached.

