



# Green Bay Area Catholic Education (GRACE) System

## *GRACE Names Patek New President PLUS*

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**The Green Bay Area Catholic Education (GRACE) System announced the selection of Allan Patek as its new President** to succeed retiring GRACE President Dr. Carol Conway-Gerhardt.

“At this critical time in GRACE’s development, Allan Patek brings the strategic leadership experience that compliments our strong educational staff. This addition creates a well-rounded organization poised for even greater success.” said Board of Trustees Chairperson Gary Kozloski.

“Each day our Catholic schools make a difference in the lives of our children and families. We will work every day to earn the trust and respect of parents and the community by focusing on Catholic values and providing excellent academics. I am honored to have the opportunity to serve Green Bay’s Catholic community,” said Patek.

Patek is currently the Director of Public Affairs Strategy for Humana Inc. He has over twenty-five years experience in public affairs and strategic leadership. Patek has been involved with Catholic schools as Board of Trustees Chairperson, a St. Matthew Parish Board of Education member and Catholic school parent. He resides

in Green Bay with his wife and their two sons.

Patek will join GRACE in April and assume the President role on July 1, 2011.

**Green Bay Area Catholic Education (GRACE) System indicates that online registration is going well.** Nearly 2000 K- 8 students and 300 early childhood students are registered for the ten GRACE schools. The GRACE website ([www.gracesystem.org](http://www.gracesystem.org)) has a link for registration through the FACTS Company. Application for tuition assistance or aid is also located as a link on the website.

**Families are strongly encouraged to register their children now** since teacher staffing is based upon number of students in a class. Teacher contracts are scheduled to be given no later than April 15, but decisions are being made earlier in order to prepare the contracts.

**The best marketers of our schools are the parents,** who can speak highly of their school and the value of providing children with a beautiful Catholic faith, excellent academics, 21<sup>st</sup> century skills, extra-curricular programs and a stewardship way of life.

**Employees of the parish schools will become GRACE employees with their new 2011-12 contracts.**

GRACE is eager to welcome the teachers and support staff to the system.

**Our new GRACE website provides information about our schools,** registration, ways that people can support the students, various boards and committees, upcoming events and employment opportunities.

**A GRACE Celebration Mass is planned for June 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral.** Bishop David Ricken will preside with GRACE priests concelebrating, deacons participating and school children serving in various roles in the Mass.

A casual social will follow in the Bishop Wycislo Center. Please plan to attend. We want to fill Cathedral with families, employees, parishioners of our GRACE parishes and all who have ever worked to bring together the parishes and schools in the Green Bay area as a system. Without a doubt, earlier work for unification contributed to the success of the current GRACE System.

