

MEDIA ALERT
SECRETARY OF FAITH FORMATION AND SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
APPOINTED FOR THE DIOCESE OF ORLANDO

Bishop John Noonan, of the Diocese of Orlando, announces the appointment of Henry Paul Fortier as Secretary of Faith Formation and Superintendent of Catholic Schools for the Diocese of Orlando. Mr. Fortier is expected to join the “Chancery” team in June of this year. Dr. Nicholas Wolsonovich, the current Secretary of Faith Formation/Superintendent of Catholic Schools is retiring.

As Secretary of Faith Formation, Mr. Fortier will be responsible for the oversight of faith formation serving more than 45,000 children and young people in both Catholic schools and parish religious education programs. Serving in the capacity of Superintendent of Schools, he will be responsible for the oversight of five high schools, one special education school, and 31 elementary schools.

Henry Fortier joined the Archdiocese of New York in October 2009 as Associate Superintendent for Public Policy and Student Services. He has served as an adjunct professor at Fordham University and previously held the position of Associate Superintendent of Schools, Division of Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of Baltimore. Mr. Fortier attended St. Thomas Seminary in Hartford, CT, and served as a teacher, counselor and chaplain in Latin America before positions as a teacher, principal and school administrator in Maryland.

Mr. Fortier was president of the Maryland Council for Private Education (CAPE), representing 1,200 non-public schools, serving 137,000 students in the state of Maryland. He graduated, cum laude from The College of Notre Dame of Maryland, has a B. A. in Philosophy from Central Connecticut State College, and is currently an Ed.D. candidate in Administration and Public Policy Studies from George Washington University.

“I am pleased to make this announcement about Mr. Fortier,” said Bishop Noonan. “His advocacy of Catholic education is essential to the life of the Church in the Diocese of Orlando. The search committee did an excellent job in discerning this selection. I am most grateful to Dr. Nicholas Wolsonovich, our current superintendent of schools, who has served the Church well. We wish him the best of success in his future endeavors.”

The Diocese of Orlando serves more than 400,000 registered Catholics in nine counties of Central Florida. There are 37 Catholic schools of the Diocese serving as centers of evangelization for approximately 15,000 students, as well as serving 30,000 students through its religious education programs. The Diocese of Orlando was established in 1968.