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Mark K. Shriver to Become First Lay President of Don Bosco Cristo Rey High School Ana Chapa Will Take on New Role of Executive Vice President

TAKOMA PARK, Maryland -- The leaders of Don Bosco Cristo Rey High School in The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington are excited to announce major changes and additions to the leadership team of the school. The school and its corporate members, The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington and the Salesians of Don Bosco – Eastern Province, share the announcements today.

Starting November 29, 2021, Mark K. Shriver will be the school's new President and Ana Chapa, an integral part of the school's leadership for the last 12 years, will assume the newly created position of Executive Vice President.

Mr. Shriver becomes the school's first lay president, succeeding Father Michael Conway, SDB, who has transitioned to a new assignment as Treasurer for the Salesian Province of St. Philip the Apostle. Father Conway successfully served as the second school President of Don Bosco Cristo Rey High School and will continue to serve on the school's Board of Directors.

Cardinal Wilton Gregory, Archbishop of The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington, expressed appreciation for the school appointments saying, "I extend my gratitude to the Board of Directors and Search Committee for their comprehensive national search for a new president for Don Bosco Cristo Rey High School and for the School's new additional role of Executive Vice President. The committee's diligence led them to recommend two outstanding choices: Ms. Chapa, a distinguished Don Bosco Cristo Rey educator and administrator, and Mr. Shriver, a lifelong Catholic dedicated to the Christian principles of serving those in our community, our country, and around the world, particularly children and their families. The committee's steadfast efforts, even with the difficulties posed by the pandemic, are especially appreciated."

Don Bosco Cristo Rey is a Catholic college preparatory high school in metro Washington, D.C., currently educating 375 students through a rigorous education model and unique work-study program that places students with employers throughout the region. Since the founding of the Takoma Park campus in 2007, more than 800 students have successfully graduated and been accepted to college.

Ms. Kelly Branaman, Secretary for Catholic Schools and Superintendent of Schools for The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington said, “I am very grateful for the leadership Father Michael Conway has provided as president for Don Bosco Cristo Rey High School (DBCR). Father Conway is a true community builder and is admired by leadership, faculty, staff and students. We are fortunate that Father Conway will stay connected to DBCR as a board member representing the Salesians.”

With over 30 years of leadership serving youth who are at-risk and children in underserved areas, Mr. Shriver has dedicated his career to advancing the right of every child to a safe and vibrant childhood. He previously led *Save the Children*'s U.S. programs, which reached more than 1.1 million children in rural communities in 2020 through early childhood education and hunger and nutrition services.

“I am thrilled to be joining the Don Bosco Cristo Rey community,” he said. “I have long admired the faculty and staff of the school and its corporate work-study program and am inspired by the hard-working students! Don Bosco Cristo Rey is, truly, the school that works! I am looking forward to working with Ana, learning from the students and their families, and working collaboratively with all stakeholders to make Don Bosco Cristo Rey the best it can be.”

Ms. Chapa since 2019 has been Vice President of Organizational Growth at Don Bosco Cristo Rey, with responsibility for all development and fundraising.

“I remain honored and humbled by the opportunity to continue to increase the impact Don Bosco Cristo Rey is making in the lives of so many students and families,” Ms. Chapa said.

Charles Abell, chair of the School's Board of Directors, praised the appointments of Mr. Shriver and Ms. Chapa, saying, “We are emerging from the pandemic stronger academically and financially. Ana and Mark will lead Don Bosco Cristo Rey to a new level of success and open doors for young women and men with the motivation to excel in our demanding program.”

Learn more about Don Bosco Cristo Rey High School and their Corporate Work Study Program at <https://dbcr.org/>

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