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Cheri Lynn Wood, Appointed New Head of School

Cheri Lynn Wood, an accomplished leader profoundly committed to the education of young women, has been appointed as the new Head of School for Cornelia Connelly School. Her installation will take place on Wednesday, September 20, 2017 at 9:25 a.m. on the school campus. The Most Reverend Bishop Timothy Freyer, Auxiliary Bishop of Orange, will be the Presider.

Cheri has a deep knowledge of student development, curriculum development, and the business and financial sides of educational leadership. During her career as an educator, she focused on providing students with unique learning opportunities that challenged, engaged and inspired personal and academic growth.

Cheri began her career at Marymount High School, an all-girls independent Catholic school in Los Angeles, teaching chemistry, biology, psychology and dance. She worked at St. Margaret's Episcopal School where she was the Dean of Students and a science teacher, as well as at Incarnate Word Academy where she taught science. She then moved to The Parish School, a Catholic K-8 school in Dana Point, CA, first as the Assistant Principal and then as Principal. For the past 10 years, Cheri has been the Principal of St. Bernadette School, a Catholic school in Silver Spring, MD.

Cheri has a B.A. and an M.A. in Psychology from Occidental College. She also had the opportunity to take part in the Klingenstein Summer Fellowship in Education Administration at Teachers College, Columbia University. She has a Post-Master's Certificate in School Administration from Notre Dame of Maryland University. She holds the Maryland Department of Education Administration Certification.

Cornelia Connelly School in Anaheim Founded and sponsored by the Society of the Holy Child Jesus in 1961. Connelly is a Catholic, independent, college-preparatory high school for young women. The school is a member of the Holy Child Network of Schools and is sponsored by the Sisters of the Holy Child Jesus. The Society of the Holy Child Jesus operates schools – preschool through college level – in the United States, Europe and Africa. Exchange programs offer Connelly's students unique opportunities to study at Holy Child Schools in the United States and Europe. Connelly's exceptional curriculum and programs prepare young women to be leaders based on an underlying philosophy of trust, reverence and respect. For more information about the school, please go to www.connellyschoollanaheim.org.

| **CAPTION for the above photo (CheriWood.jpg):** Cheri Lynn Wood, appointed as Head of School for Cornelia Connelly School, Anaheim.