

## Episcopal School of Dallas

OFFICE OF THE REVEREND STEPHEN B. SWANN ENDOWED HEADMASTER

December 20, 2011

Today, I celebrate the 41st anniversary of becoming a priest. Thirty-seven of those years have been served at The Episcopal School of Dallas. Each day I have thanked God for the opportunity to serve Him by serving those made in His image, His children.

Sacraments are outward and visible images of inward and spiritual sacredness. The great sacrament of the Eucharist, bread and wine, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, is the epitome of an earthly relationship with God.

I believe that The Episcopal School of Dallas was called into being in a sacramental manner. The day-to-day life of students, faculty, the campus and programs are the outward manifestations of the essence of our inward and spiritual being. We are perpetuating in our students the profound belief that they are made in the image of God, preparing them to assume the mantle of leadership informed with an educated conscience.

The Founding Era of this institution is coming to a close and it is appropriate to seek new leadership in the Head of School. I have asked Board Chairman John Eagle to form a search committee to that end. A search can last as long as 18-24 months. I will continue in the Rector and Headmaster position until a new Head of School is appointed.

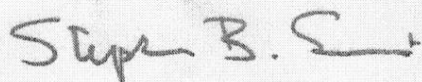
Immediately after the appointment, I will sever all operational authority over the school that I have exercised as Founding Rector and Headmaster, transitioning to the position of Chairman Emeritus of The Episcopal School of Dallas Permanent Endowment Trust. My responsibilities in this new role will include guardianship of the Mission and Founding Tenets, long-range growth of the endowment, and pastoral matters for our alumni, their parents and our benefactors.

The post Founding Era will be energized by our new Head of School and the soon to be approved strategic plan which leads us to the second chapter of our common life at The Episcopal School of Dallas.

I look forward to the time remaining in this office and to the future as my wife, Carolyn, and I continue to serve throughout my lifetime.

May God, who gave us our souls, bless this hallowed ground and those whose lives have been given to this purpose.

Faithfully Yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Stephen B. Swann". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "S" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

The Reverend Stephen B. Swann  
Founding Rector and Headmaster