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NEIL FESER TO RESIGN FROM ARCHBISHOP BERGAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL After 36 Years of Service

Archbishop Bergan Catholic School cannot even begin to show its gratitude to Mr. Neil Feser for his 36 years of service to the school. Students and staff received an announcement earlier this month stating Mr. Feser was not retiring nor going to another school, but rather declining a contract for the 2014 – 2015 school year. "I feel that I have many more productive years and can be a positive force in education, Catholic Education and the larger world. I need time to develop my dreams and commit to the next steps in my personal mission," stated Mr. Feser.

Mr. Feser earned a Bachelor Degree in Speech and a Master's Degree in Guidance from Creighton University in Omaha. He has completed Post Graduate work at several universities. After student teaching at Tech High School and Cathedral High School in Omaha, he was offered a job as Counselor and Drama Teacher at Cathedral the following year. After five years at Cathedral, Mr. Feser was approached by Gary Schmidt, then Principal of Archbishop Bergan Catholic School to fill the open counselor position in Fremont.

Mr. Feser also has a passion for writing. He has been published or paid for material in many genres: journal articles, magazine articles, media, scripts, comedy material, and two books: *Challenging College* which helped students discover how to approach college admissions. After he developed a writing relationship with Tom Smothers who was at the top of TV world at the time, he expanded on a character he had called the Yo-Yo Man and wrote whimsical books on the philosophy of doing yo-yo tricks, called The Book of Yo. It used the yo-yo as a metaphor. Just like a persona cannot yank a yo-yo around in the air as it flows through a trick, we should not yank ourselves or others around as we live in the flow of life.

Mr. Feser states his mission is simple, "Improve the Flow of Success." At Bergan he was able to incorporate core beliefs in God with world-wide opportunities. The combination needs to be lit within the hearts of young people. His new work will continue to eliminate blockages in young lives and open doors that help them flow into their futures without the blockages that have held so many of us back. "I want the young to become fast studies, God centered learners, and great in their many and varied fields."

"We are losing a very valuable asset at Bergan who will be hard to replace," states Dan Koenig, Principal at Archbishop Bergan Catholic School. "While Mr. Feser is leaving on his own terms and will be following some of his dreams, we want to wish him well and thank him for the lasting impact he has had on the educational experience of so many students at Bergan."

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If you would like more information on this topic or to schedule an interview with Mr. Neil Feser or Mr. Dan Koenig, please call 402-721-9683 or email them at <u>neil.feser@berganknights.org</u> or <u>dan.koenig@berganknights.org</u>.

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