



## **MEDIA ALERT**

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### **Bishop Robert E. Guglielmone Will Bless the Site, Break Ground and Welcome the New Principal of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic High School on Saturday**

The Most Reverend Robert E. Guglielmone, Bishop of Charleston, will bless the site and break ground for St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic High School on Saturday, Nov. 7 at 9:30 a.m. at Carolina Forest Boulevard across from the Cloisters Apartments. During the ceremony, Mr. Theodore “Ted” J. Hanes, the newly appointed and first principal of the school, will sign his employment letter. Bishop Guglielmone says, “Mr. Hanes brings to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic High School more than 22 years of experience in Catholic education. I have every confidence in his ability to mold the diocese’s newest high school into an authentically Catholic and academically challenging environment for students.”

Ted Hanes currently teaches at Elk County Catholic High School in St. Marys, Pa., where he has been an educator for more than 22 years. He has served as vice principal since 2011, and has also held the roles of technology coordinator, mathematics teacher and computer science teacher. Hanes earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics Education from Pennsylvania State University, and a Master of Education degree in Educational Administration from California University of Pennsylvania. He officially begins his role as principal in January, 2016. “I am both incredibly honored and deeply humbled by being chosen to serve as the first principal of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic High School,” said Hanes. “I very much look forward to joining members of the Diocese of Charleston, the Catholic community of Myrtle Beach and the wider community of Horry County whose time, talents and treasures have helped bring a faith-focused school to the area.”

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St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School will open its doors in August 2016. The first phase of construction will include a 15,400 square foot building that will serve 9<sup>th</sup> graders initially. Each year an additional grade will be added until the full four year high school program is attained. The project is funded by the many parishioners and friends of Horry and Georgetown County Parishes and also grant-making foundations.

The mission of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic High School will be to provide a safe and nurturing environment in which its students will be educated both in character and in conscience, to be steadfast in their faith, dedicated to social responsibility, and committed to developing all their God-given talents. It will serve all Grand Strand students, both Catholic and non-Catholic. Its Catholic feeder schools are St. Andrew, St. Michael and Holy Trinity Catholic Schools. “Here, every student can grow fully in mind, body, and spirit,” said Hanes.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, the High School’s patron saint, was the founder of the Sisters of Charity. She started the first parochial school in the United States, in Baltimore, MD, in 1808. In 1975, she became the first American born citizen to be canonized. Her feast day is January 4th.

**About the Diocese of Charleston**

The Catholic Diocese of Charleston comprises the entire state of South Carolina with Charleston as its See city. Founded in 1820 by Pope Pius VII, it is one of the oldest Catholic dioceses in the United States.

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