



Padua Franciscan Community,

As an ordained Franciscan Minister for over 43 years, Father Allan DaCorte, ofm has dedicated his life to serving others in various roles both in the United States and abroad. With his last seven years as President of Padua Franciscan High School, his positive effect on its students and the Padua community are evident each day through the teaching of his Franciscan values and lifestyle. His love, compassion and care for others are transparent and forever engrained in the lives he continues to touch.

At the end of the 2020-2021 school year, Fr. Allan finds his Franciscan calling to serve others in yet another capacity. Although he will continue to help guide Padua's success, participate in Padua's events, and mentor the Padua community, Fr. Allan will be retiring as President of Padua Franciscan on June 30, 2021, his 75th birthday.

During his service at Padua, Fr. Allan has not only expanded our acclaimed educational curricula and outside activities to prepare students for higher learning and instilled the core values of a Christian faith, but has also helped transform the infrastructure of its facility. Within six months of his arrival, Fr. Allan secured the funds and approval to install the artificial turf that has transformed Padua's sporting venue. Through his leadership on the PaduaPlus+ Campaign and the help of caring and supporting donors, Padua was able to construct both a multi-million-dollar south entrance and northeast entrance to the school. In these changing and uncertain times, both these entrances have provided added security, gathering places and a welcoming invitation for its students, parents, visitors and staff. This summer, the northeast and northwest parking lots were replaced and the adjacent building walls waterproofed. During all of these new and renovated projects, classrooms have been renovated, technology systems continually upgraded and a roofing system replaced.

Fr. Allan has graced the halls of Padua with dignity, dedication, commitment, kindness, professionalism and above all, a love for its students. He has touched and influenced the lives of our Padua students, mobilized our Padua community and those who have been blessed to know him. With deep appreciation and fond memories, we extend our warmest wishes of health and love to a man who, each day, exemplifies the humble and servant leadership life of a Franciscan. Fr. Allan will always remain an integral part of Padua as his travels and preaching continue to reach others as a Franciscan Minister.

The Board of Trustees has been in discussion with the Provincial of the Sacred Heart Province to begin the process of selecting a new president. The Board Development Committee and the Executive Committee will oversee the interviews and selection process to assure proper procedures, transparency and a seamless transition.

Nick Lafigliola

Board Chair

Padua Franciscan High School