

DeLaSalle Institute Installs President



De La Salle Institute, 3434 S. Michigan ave., has appointed Anne Marie Tirpak as the first layperson and woman to lead the school in its 134-year history and installed her as the fourth president on Sept. 18th.

After graduating from John Carroll University in Cleveland, Ohio, Ms. Tirpak served as a Jesuit Volunteer in Woodburn, OR, a year-long program focused on the values of spirituality, social justice, community and simple living. This post-college experience, living in a bilingual community and ministering to senior citizens, affirmed her life-long commitment to faith-based organizations serving the common good.

Her professional career began as the development director at Saint Joseph Academy, an all-girls Catholic high school and her alma mater in Cleveland, Ohio; then as the Assistant Director for Annual Giving at Miss Porter's School in Farmington, CT. Moving to Chicago, she would serve as Vicariate Stewardship Coordinator for the Archdiocese of Chicago; then Chief Development Officer for Catholic Theological Union, and most recently as Executive Director of Institutional Advancement for Sacred Heart Schools.

A Bachelor of Arts degree was received from John Carroll University, a Master's in Education from Loyola University, a Certificate in Nonprofit Leadership from the Kellogg School of Northwestern University, and completed graduate theological studies at Catholic Theological Union where she was chosen as a Cardinal Bernardin Scholar, a unique academic and pastoral program.