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Archdiocese hires development director

July 15, 2011 (Omaha, Neb.) – The Archdiocese of Omaha has named Shannan Brommer to direct its fundraising office.

Brommer replaces Mary Jewell as director of the archdiocese's Stewardship and Development Office. Jewell resigned from her position April 29, 2011.

Brommer has 15 years experience in fundraising, development, and public relations. She is leaving her position as director of advancement with Marian High School to work for the archdiocese. Brommer has directed Marian's development efforts since 1998.

The Rev. Joseph C. Taphorn, the archdiocese's moderator of the curia, called Brommer a seasoned and effective development professional.

"Shannan is well-known in the Catholic community and has been involved in furthering the Church's mission to make Christ known for years, not only at Marian, but in other Catholic associations and apostolates as well," Taphorn said. "I'm confident she will make a significant contribution to the archdiocese as our new director."

A graduate of Creighton University and the University of Nebraska-Omaha, Brommer and her husband Brad are members of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Omaha.

The Stewardship and Development Office is responsible for raising funds to support a variety of archdiocesan services and programs. In addition to raising scholarship funds for Catholic elementary schools and high schools, the office also oversees the archdiocese's education foundation, investment portfolio, annual appeal, and planned giving and estate planning programs.

Brommer will begin her duties with the archdiocese August 1.

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