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Dear Chestnut Hill College Community,

It is with great pleasure that we announce the seventh President of Chestnut Hill College will be Dr. William W. Latimer, Ph.D., M.P.H. This decision has been made jointly by the Sisters of Saint Joseph and the Board of Directors of Chestnut Hill College with overwhelming support from the Presidential Search Committee and the College Community.

Dr. Latimer has roots grounded in the liberal arts having been drawn particularly to colleges that have served minority students as a fundamental belief to provide greater access to higher education. The Mission of Chestnut Hill College drew Dr. Latimer to apply for the position. He said that he believes “the strength of Chestnut Hill College is its Catholic heritage.” While there are challenges for any Catholic college, he is optimistic about the future for Chestnut Hill College because of the real value that the College offers its students. “We should lean into that value going forward.”

Dr. Latimer currently serves Mercy College, Bronx Campus as the Vice President. He holds a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology, an M.P.H. in Epidemiology, an M.A. in Developmental Psychology and a B.A. in English and Psychology. Dr. Latimer has proven academic success rising through the ranks of faculty to administration throughout his career. As a Vice President of Mercy College, Bronx Campus, and as President of The College of New Rochelle, Dr. Latimer has enjoyed success in fundraising, grant writing initiatives and forming partnerships with community and corporate partnership that generated funds and boosted enrollment.

Those who have worked with Dr. Latimer said that he is willing to listen to others and create a collaborative environment to forge a path that is in the best interest of the institution’s mission and values. The Sisters of Saint Joseph and the Board of Directors felt this spirit would fit well within the culture that is the foundation of Chestnut Hill College as we are rooted in right relationships.

We wish to thank everyone for their interest and participation in the College’s search for a new president. We were proud to see so many of you joining each of our candidates’ visits whether it was in-person or via Zoom. Our search firm, Hyatt Fennel, said that they received more feedback on each candidate than they had for any other college search. Your feedback helped our Search Committee, the Sisters of Saint Joseph, and the Board of Directors.

With abundant gratitude,

Cathy Lockyer Moulton, Board Chair ex-officio  
Sallyann M. Bowman, Co-Chair  
Sister Maureen Erdlen, Co-Chair

