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Madonna Athletic Director to Take the Lead at Divine Child

LIVONIA, Mich. – Bryan Rizzo, Madonna University long-time athletic director, has accepted the position of athletic director for Divine Child High School in Dearborn.

“I am so fortunate to have worked with Bryan during my first year at Madonna,” said President Michael A. Grandillo, Ph.D. He leaves some pretty big shoes to fill, but he has developed Crusader athletics into a highly-respected, fiercely-competitive, well-run organization. We will miss Bryan’s leadership, his love of athletics and his passion for Madonna. Nancy and I also value his personal friendship. We wish him much success at Divine Child, where he can continue to recommend Madonna to student-athletes.”



Rizzo joined the Crusaders athletics program nearly 22 years ago, and in 2002 took over the athletic director position. While at the helm, Rizzo launched men’s and women’s golf and cross country, and laid the foundation to add eight new men’s and women’s sports teams this fall: bowling, lacrosse, and indoor and outdoor track and field. He oversaw the construction of all of Madonna’s fields, including University Softball Field, Ilitch Ball Park and the Madonna University Athletic Complex. He also established the annual Blue and Gold Awards program to recognize the accomplishments – academic and athletic – of Madonna Student-Athletes.

“It has been an honor to serve this great University and its amazing student-athletes,” Rizzo said. “I really appreciate the opportunity Sr. Rose Marie Kujawa gave me to be athletic director. I feel the new direction Dr. Grandillo has charted shows the commitment to, and guaranteed future success of, Madonna University athletics. I am sure the professional staff in the athletics department will continue to achieve great things, not only in competitions, but also and more importantly, in the classroom and in the lives of our student-athletes. I look forward to remaining a Crusader fan as my wife, soon-to-be-born son and I begin our new adventure.”

Madonna University administrators will begin a search for a successor immediately, and Rizzo, whose last day is June 30, has committed to facilitating a smooth transition.

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