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## Brebeuf leader planning to leave after school year

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The Rev. Benjamin B. Hawley, president of Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School on Indianapolis' Northwestside, will step down from that position at the end of the school year.

"It's a surprise to people who haven't heard it before, but it's something I've been thinking about for quite awhile," said Hawley, 58, on Friday.

The Society of Jesus priest is preparing to enter the third and final phase of his Jesuit training, the period known as the "tertianship."

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More training ahead: The Rev. Benjamin B. Hawley is preparing to enter the third and final phase of his Jesuit training, the period known as the "tertianship." - RICH MILLER / The Star 2004 file photo

Vincent C. Caponi, chairman of Brebeuf's board of trustees, said a search committee is working to find Hawley's successor. If all goes well, Caponi said, a new president could be named this spring, though, if necessary, the board will consider an interim administrator.

Students, including junior Matt Anderson, were sad to learn of Hawley's impending departure.

"I know he'll be missed, because he is such a people person," said Anderson, 17, Indianapolis. "He opens his heart up. He wants us to learn and get a good education, but he wants us to have fun, too."

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This summer, he'll complete a 30-day retreat; a six- to eight-week ministry retreat is on tap for the following summer. In between, Hawley said, he'll work with leaders of the Chicago Province of the Society of Jesus -- of which he is a member -- to determine his next assignment.

During his six years at Brebeuf, Hawley oversaw a two-year, \$4.5 million capital campaign that added roughly 16,200 square feet to the 43-year-old school and significantly enhanced technology offerings there.

He's also put a premium on fostering personal relationships within the school and community at large.

"I think what I've accomplished is to give the school a deeper sense of being Catholic and (being) interfaith," Hawley said. "We now do morning prayer and afternoon prayer that draws on the Catholic tradition and other religious traditions. I think we have a greater sense of being a school that welcomes people of all traditions."

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