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## **Hanna Boys Center Executive Director Resigns** Father John Crews to Leave Hanna after nearly 30 years

**Sonoma, CA, February 13, 2013-** Father John Crews, longtime Executive Director of the Hanna Boys Center, has resigned after an allegation was made of an inappropriate relationship in the 1970's prior to his arrival at Hanna Boys Center in 1984.

Hanna Boys Center management moved quickly to meet with Father Crews after learning about the allegation. After the meeting, in the best interest of the school, Father Crews tendered his resignation and it was accepted by the Hanna Board of Trustees.

“We are shocked and saddened and take any allegation of this nature very seriously,” said Jack Bertges, Hanna Boys Center’s current Chair of the Board of Trustees. “We want our supporters and community to know that this alleged incident did not occur during John Crews’ tenure at the Hanna Boys Center and that we have no reason to believe that there was any inappropriate conduct between Father Crews and the students of Hanna Boys Center,” Bertges added.

Hanna’s staff of counselors will be responding to the needs of its students and alumni and has put in place a process to inform the students of the departure of Father Crews.

“Hanna takes the protection of its students very seriously and has rigorous policies in place to prevent any occurrences from happening on our campus,” said Bertges.

Father John Crews served as just the 3<sup>rd</sup> Executive Director of the Hanna Boys Center since its founding in 1945. As a nationwide search begins for Crews' replacement, Hanna Boys Center will be managed by the longstanding leadership team of Monica Clark (CFO); Dennis Crandall (High School Principal); Dr. Tim Norman (Clinical Director); Scott Singer (COO); and Kris Van Giesen (CDO).

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