Mount Saint Joseph hires Rich Holzer as varsity football coach
Ex-Hofstra Coach to Lead Gaels

Baltimore, MD — May 30, 2015— Mount Saint Joseph High School, a Catholic college preparatory school for young men sponsored by the Xaverian Brothers, is pleased to announce the hiring of Rich Holzer as coach of the varsity football team. Holzer has long career as an accomplished player and coach and brings that expertise to the Mount.

Holzer is a graduate from Archbishop Stepinac High School in White Plain, New York, a fellow Xaverian School. He played football while at Stepinac and continued on to play for Hofstra University on the offensive line, and was a two-time All-Atlantic 10 Guard. Following a brief period of NFL tryouts, he returned to Hofstra as a graduate assistant coach. After two seasons of coaching at Hofstra, Holzer decided he wanted to teach and coach at the high school level.

He taught Physical Education and coached five seasons as the defensive coordinator at Westlake High School in Southern Maryland. His first head coaching job was at Parkdale High School in Prince George’s County. In only two years teaching and coaching at Parkdale, Coach Holzer turned around a struggling 1-9 program and increased participation from 30 players to 120 players. Most recently, Rich spent the past five years teaching and coaching at Meade High School in Anne Arundel County. His Meade teams have been extremely successful winning the 4A region multiple times and were semi-finalists in 2012 and 2013. His Meade teams have averaged 38 points per game, and have placed 32 athletes on college football teams.

“I am tremendously excited for being selected to lead the football program at such an excellent institution. As a product of Catholic education myself, I understand the mission of the school as well as the purpose of the football program. I want to thank the administration of Mount Saint Joseph for selecting me to lead their program. I want to thank the current coaching staff and parents as well for their warm welcome and outpouring of support. My job will be unique in that I will take over a solid program and am looking to build on the foundation laid by Coach Henry. I have no doubt we can take this program to new heights,” said Holzer.

Mount Saint Joseph Athletic Director Kraig Loovis is looking forward to having Holzer join the ranks of other successful coaches at the school. “Rich will continue a legacy of great coaching at the Mount and we are excited to have him as a part of our athletic department and as one of our coaches,” stated Loovis.

Holzer and his wife have a three year-old son and reside in Crofton, Md.

About Mount Saint Joseph High School (www.msjnet.edu) — Mount Saint Joseph is a Catholic college preparatory school for young men sponsored by the Xaverian Brothers. Faithful to the tradition of Xaverian education, Mount Saint Joseph strives to be a community of growth and learning characterized by enduring personal relationships, an emphasis on spiritual formation, a challenging academic program, and a commitment to justice and peace.

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