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Biography

Alicia Córdoba, D.M.A., appointed the ninth President of Aquinas College in Grand Rapids,

Michigan, beginning July 1, 2022, is currently the inaugural Beirne Director of the Center for

Catholic Studies at St. Mary’s University, San Antonio, Texas. Serving as director since June

2018, Córdoba has worked with faculty, staff and students at St. Mary’s to foster campus-wide,

cross-curricular conversations and scholarly activities, and to provide external programs that

integrate the Marianist heritage and Catholic mission of St. Mary’s with special attention to the

local Hispanic Catholic culture of San Antonio. In February 2022, she was promoted from

Distinguished Chair to Associate Vice President acknowledging her service to the institution.

Previous to this position, Córdoba served from January 1998 to May 2018 at Benedictine

University in Lisle, Illinois, as Director of the Center for Mission and Identity, Assistant to the

President for Mission Integration, Interim Director of Campus Ministry, Chair of the

Departments of Music and Fine and Performing Arts, and Professor of Music. She received her

Bachelor and Master of Music degrees in oboe performance from the University of Illinois at

Urbana-Champaign, and from The Juilliard School in New York City, she was the first woman to

receive a Doctor of Musical Arts degree in English horn performance.

Córdoba has taught a variety of courses in music and the humanities, and consults and presents

on topics related to leadership de