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**Dr. Sandra Rodriguez Appointed to the Mission and Ministry Council for the  
New Orleans-Santa Fe District**

Dr. Sandra Rodriguez, Chair of MANA, A National Latina Organization Board of Directors, has been appointed by the Brothers of the Christian Schools of the District of New Orleans-Santa Fe to their Mission and Ministry Council. The Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools is a Roman Catholic religious teaching order, founded by French Priest Saint Jean-Baptiste de la Salle. The order runs schools in 82 different countries, in both developed and developing nations, with more than 900,000 students in their schools.

Dr. Rodriguez is the first tenured Latina faculty member at the College of Santa Fe, a Lasallian Institution. This position will make Dr. Rodriguez a leading Lasallian Partner for her community. The Lasallian community has a mission of education and evangelization. One of Dr. Rodriguez's role as a member of the Brothers of the Christian Schools is to help to create and implement a pedagogical plan for the New Orleans-Santa Fe District. Her role in this organization is to further the Lasallian nature of the Bothers of the Christian Schools in their educational works.

MANA is proud of the impact Dr. Rodriguez will have as an educator in this new appointment. Dr. Rodriguez's achievements as a Latina leader have been evidenced in her leadership with MANA and we know others will now benefit from her leadership skills and her generosity of heart.

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*About MANA: MANA, A National Latina Organization, is a nonprofit advocacy organization headquartered in Washington, DC. With chapters across the country, it is the oldest national Latina membership organization in the United States. MANA, whose mission is to empower Latinas through leadership development, community service, and advocacy, envisions a national community of informed Latina activists working to improve the quality of life for all Hispanics. MANA also has the only national Latina's mentoring program for girls 11 to 17, "HERMANITAS®" which brings over 100 girls each year to a Washington, DC leadership institute that includes a briefing at the White House and a visit to the girls' Congressional representatives.*