

Dear friends in Christ,

I'm pleased to inform you that I have chosen Maureen Turner, currently serving as our interim principal, as our new school principal. Maureen has demonstrated strong leadership as well as a great aptitude for school administration and staff management since she stepped into the role as interim. As you know, she has been mentored by Scott Czarnopys, the principal at St. Patrick's School in Parnell, who has also solicited your input.

The feedback about Mrs. Turner that I have received from Mr. Czarnopys, both from his own observations and from his conversations with you, has been overwhelmingly positive. He has recommended that I take this step naming Maureen as the new principal. Doing this also gives her the ability to make some necessary decisions for the good of our students, staff, and school community.

Mrs. Turner holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Elementary Education from Aquinas College and a Master of Science Degree in Special Education from Western Michigan University and is pursuing additional master's work in Educational Leadership. She has the support of the Diocesan Office of Catholic Schools and she'll also continue to receive mentorship from Mr. Czarnopys. I am confident that she has the necessary gifts, work ethic, and dedication to her Catholic faith to lead St. Mary's School and to help it continue to grow and flourish.

I ask for your prayers and support for Mrs. Turner as she continues to lead our school.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Bill