

February 26, 2019

Dear Saint Catherine Labouré School Family:

It is with regret that I announce that Mrs. Colette S. Vail has submitted her resignation as Principal of Saint Catherine Labouré School, effective March 8, 2019.

Mrs. Vail joined us just last summer with over 40 years experience in Catholic education and administration. In the short time she has been with us, Mrs. Vail contributed her knowledge and professionalism during some exciting and fruitful changes and developments. Her contributions have benefited our school, its students, the faculty and staff, as well as our larger Saint Catherine Labouré community.

We thank Mrs. Vail for her dedication and service. You may be aware that her husband, Jim Vail, also announced his resignation as President of Bishop McDevitt High School, stating personal and health reasons. Please join me in offering them our prayers during this time of transition.

A search committee will commence the process of hiring a new Principal immediately. As we seek to fill this position, please know we are committed to finding the most qualified individual who is the best fit for Saint Catherine Labouré School. In the interim, we are blessed to be able to turn inward and tap the talent and leadership of our current fifth grade teacher, Mrs. Patricia Byrnes. She has graciously agreed to step into the role of Interim Principal.

Mrs. Byrnes previously served as Principal of Saint Joseph School, York as well as Interim Principal at Seven Sorrows School, Middletown. We greatly appreciate her willingness to be a guiding hand during this unexpected transition and know that she will be assisted by Mrs. Aimee Surgeoner and supported by our dedicated team of teachers and staff. A long term substitute teacher will be named to take Mrs. Byrnes teaching responsibilities for the remainder of this school year. Mrs. Byrnes looks forward to returning to her classroom this summer.

Please know that as we move forward with this unexpected change, I am committed to doing all I can to make this transition as smooth as possible. Should you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me directly.

With every best wish and prayer, I am

Yours in Christ,

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Very Reverend Neil S. Sullivan, VF Pastor