



# St. Mary's Catholic Church & School

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Dear St. Mary's School of Piscataway and Parish Community:

As your Administrator, I feel it is important always to keep you informed as we work together to provide our children with the best Catholic education possible.

Today, I am writing to update you on our principal position. As you know, Mrs. Michelle Moreno was appointed our interim principal in summer 2025. I am most thankful and have been impressed with Mrs. Moreno's leadership as interim principal over these past months.

Last week our Secretary and Superintendent for Catholic Schools, Ms. Branaman, the Associate Superintendent, Mr. Buchleitner, and I interviewed Ms. Moreno. The interview confirmed for us that she is the right person to be both the spiritual and instructional leader here at St. Mary's of Piscataway. I am very pleased to announce that Ms. Moreno has accepted the principal position.

Michelle has a Bachelor of Arts degree and a Master's degree in Elementary Education, both from Trinity Washington University. Before accepting the interim principal position, Mrs. Moreno dedicated 17 years to teaching elementary education, the first 5 years at St. Anthony Catholic school, the school she attended as a child. From there, Michelle invested the remainder of her teaching expertise with Prince George's County Public Schools, where she gained valuable experience in data-driven instruction to successfully teach students at their individual level of need. Twelve years later, when the interim principal position at St. Mary's became available, Ms. Moreno welcomed the opportunity to return to the Archdiocese of Washington family of Catholic schools.

When asked about her interest to serve the church as a Catholic school principal, Michelle replied, "I strongly desire to integrate my Catholic faith into my daily work as principal. I believe in the importance of developing the whole child – academically, socially, and spiritually. The opportunity to incorporate faith into education is something I deeply value and miss from my time away from the archdiocese. I am passionate about creating an environment where students can grow not only in knowledge but also in faith and character."

Please join me in congratulating Ms. Moreno on her new position. I have every confidence and expectation that our school community will continue to move forward under her leadership and God's grace. Your ongoing support of St. Mary's School of Piscataway and for Ms. Moreno will be crucial to fulfilling our mission to our children and our parish.

Lenten blessings,

  
Fr. Greg



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