

April 26, 2010

Dear St. Isaac Jogues Parents,

It is my sincere honor and pleasure to be named the next Principal at St. Isaac Jogues Catholic School. I am delighted to be able to be a part of this wonderful school. As a member of this Parish, it thrills me to be involved in this way.

To let you know a little about me...I am a proud graduate of Michigan State University (GO GREEN!) with a Bachelor's Degree in early Childhood Development and an Elementary Education Certificate. I hold a Master's Degree in the Art of Teaching from Marygrove College and am currently enrolled in the Master's program at Madonna University for Educational Leadership. This is my eleventh year in education. I am married to my husband Blaise, and together we have four young boys, Blaise, Jax, Gage, and Slade, three of whom will be attending St. Isaac Jogues this year.

Catholic education has been a long standing tradition in my life. I am currently the Principal at Our Lady of La Salette in Berkley. Before becoming principal, I was the first grade teacher/assistant principal there for six years. My schooling as a child was rooted in Catholic schools as well. I attended St. Isaac Jogues for kindergarten (the first kindergarten class!), St. Angela's in Roseville, for first through eighth grades, and Regina High School in Harper Woods. I am a firm believer that superior education starts with a Catholic foundation.

My vision of Catholic education encompasses revitalization and a determination to give young people an excellent education rooted in the Faith of Jesus that is competitive in the 21st century. I have been blessed with wonderful leadership models as a teacher/ assistant principal, and am confident that as an administrator I am able to use my talents and skills to reach students, teachers, and parents to inspire great work and carry on the Catholic traditions.

I look forward to meeting all of you and your children. I am anxious to begin this next phase of my career and feel blessed and humbled to do that at St. Isaac Jogues.

Sincerely,

Ann E. Kolley