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Bishop Names Area Coordinator of Duluth Area Catholic Schools

DULUTH AND PROCTOR, MN—The Duluth Area Catholic School System is pleased to welcome Mary Ann Rotondi as its new area coordinator. Bishop Paul Sirba appointed the longtime educator to this key position, which provides professional leadership to the five Duluth Area Catholic Schools and coordinates with principals and pastors regarding school-related issues. Mary Ann will spearhead implementation of the school system's strategic plan and oversee educational policies and procedures to enhance Catholic identity and academic excellence. She will work closely with committees of the Duluth Area Catholic School Board and collaborate with the diocesan director of Catholic schools.



Mary Ann recently retired from a 43-year career with the Duluth Public School District. She served in many capacities, including supervisor of federal programs, gifted and talented curriculum specialist, assistant principal, first and second grade teacher, staff developer, and instructor for a creatively and intellectually gifted class at the University of Minnesota Duluth.

“Although Mary Ann comes to us as a new employee, our Catholic schools have known and worked with her for many years regarding federal and state funding,” said Diocesan Director of Catholic Schools Cynthia Zook. “She is a great collaborator and

skillfully brings people together to support children in reaching their full potential whatever their ability and talent may be—it is milestone for the Duluth Area Catholic School System to have her expertise and experience as we implement our newly developed strategic plan.”

Mary Ann serves on many civic and educational boards and currently is the religious education director for St. James Catholic Church in Duluth. Her academic credentials include a specialist degree in educational administration and Master of Science degrees in elementary counseling and teaching. She has been a featured speaker at numerous conferences and educational meetings.

The Duluth Area Catholic School System has five campuses: Holy Rosary School, St. James Catholic School, St. John the Evangelist School, and St. Michael’s Lakeside School in Duluth, plus St. Rose School in Proctor.

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