

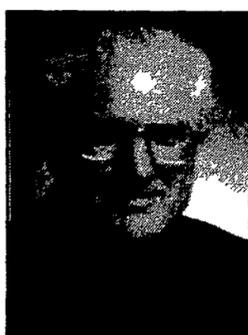
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New administrators preparing for school year

By Mike Latona
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Four new principals in the Rochester diocese have been appointed in Catholic schools for the 1995-96 school year.

At Aquinas Institute in Rochester, **Father Albert R. Gaelens, CSB**, is starting a second tour of duty as principal of the Dewey Avenue high school.

Father Gaelens, a Rochester native, graduated from AQ in 1950. He returned there in 1955 for a long stint as teacher, dean of students and vice-principal before becoming principal in 1970. He remained in that role until moving in 1977 to St. Thomas High School in Hous-

ton, Texas, where he was teacher, assistant principal, counselor and principal.

In 1994, Father Gaelens moved back to Aquinas to become director of alumni relations. He assumed his new duties as principal July 1, replacing **Father Dennis P. Noelke, CSB**.

Mario Colon is the new principal at Immaculate Conception School in Ithaca.

Colon, who replaces **Diana Baker**, comes to Ithaca from the Utica area. Last year he taught at Utica Notre Dame High School after serving as principal of Utica's Blessed Sacrament School from 1992-94. He also taught special education from 1986-92 at the House of

the Good Shepherd. Colon received a master's degree in elementary education and administration from the State University of New York Institute of Technology's Upper Division.

Frances Barr is the new principal at Brockport's Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary School, replacing **Diane Kannel**.

Barr comes to Nativity from Pittsford's St. Louis School, where she had taught since 1987. She also has taught in Virginia and Ohio. Barr received her Catholic school administration certification from the University of Rochester.

At All Saints Junior High, located in Gates, **Debra Eveland** has moved from vice-principal to principal. She replaces **Mary Caffrey**, who is now assistant superintendent for assessment and staff development in the diocesan Department of Catholic Schools.

Eveland was All Saints' vice-principal in 1994-95. She previously served as teacher at Rochester's Nazareth Hall Elementary School from 1993-94; principal of Gates' St. Helen's School from 1991-93; teacher at Rochester's Holy Family School from 1989-91; and teacher at the former Our Lady of Good Counsel School in Rochester from 1982-89. She has a master's degree in educational administration from the Universi-

ty of Rochester.

Replacing Eveland as vice-principal at All Saints is **Bill Davis**, former principal of Rochester's Most Precious Blood School. He served in that role for one year before the school closed in June.

Davis also taught for 11 years at Perinton's St. John of Rochester School. He is a graduate of the University of Rochester's Catholic school administration program.

Caffrey moves into the diocesan schools office after serving as All Saints' principal from 1990-94. She was also principal of Webster's Holy Trinity School from 1983-90 and teacher at Rochester's St. John the Evangelist School (Humboldt Street) from 1969-83. Caffrey holds a master's degree in administration from Nazareth College of Rochester.

In her new role as diocesan assistant superintendent, Caffrey will oversee all testing programs for schools as well as all in-service programs for staff.

Another change in the Catholic schools office is the appointment of **Sister Anne Guerin, SSJ**, who holds the newly created title of assistant superintendent for school advancement.

Sister Guerin has been the diocesan schools' coordinator-

of annual giving for two years. She also worked in the diocesan finance office from 1989-93 and was assistant superintendent of development for diocesan schools from 1982-89. Before that, she was principal at the former St. Agnes High School from 1975-82 after teaching stints at Geneva DeSales High School, Nazareth College and St. Agnes High.

Sister Guerin will retain her duties as diocesan giving coordinator. She also assumes the responsibility of diocesan director of school communications, a position formerly held by **Constance Truesdale**.

Another new appointment is **Jane Gerace** as director of the Guardian Angels School Early Childhood Center in Henrietta.

Gerace oversees children ages 3-4 who are entered in both the nursery school as well as the Wegmans Early Education (WEE) day-care program operating. Guardian Angels is currently the only diocesan school building devoted to pre-K only.

Gerace has previous teaching experience in the Victor, Fairport and East Irondequoit school districts. She was also director of the "Wee Wonders" nursery-school program in Victor from 1985-90. Gerace has a master's degree in education from Nazareth College of Rochester.

Deadline nears for tuition aid from diocese

Tuition aid is available from the Diocese of Rochester for the fall 1995 semester, for individuals who have financial need and wish to study at graduate and undergraduate institutions to prepare for ministry in the diocese.

The aid is being provided through the diocese's Tuition Assistance Program.

This assistance may be used at any institution of higher education, but the diocese has special arrangements with St. Bernard's Institute, St. John Fisher College, Nazareth College of Rochester and the University of Rochester.

The application deadline is Aug. 15. Call 716/271-3657, ext. 292, for information.

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