

# Education

## Principals begin duties at Catholic schools

By Mike Latona  
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After more than 30 years in public-school education, Louis D'Angelo became aware of a growing desire to turn in a new direction.

"I felt I wanted to do something that, at this point in my life, would be a ministry to me," said D'Angelo, 56.

That ministry is being carried out at Bishop Kearney High School in Irondequoit, where D'Angelo recently became the first lay principal.

This distinction, he commented, should not have any adverse effect on his ability to carry out his responsibilities.

"I think, personally, that whether you are lay or religious, you must have a strong commitment to the mission you are in," D'Angelo said. "There's not that much of a difference if you both have the same guiding principles."

Catholic education, D'Angelo noted, holds special meaning in his family for a second reason. His son Samuel, 28, is studying at the St. Regis Theological Institute in Toronto as he prepares for priesthood in the Missionaries of the Precious Blood order.

D'Angelo replaces Sister Elaine Englert, SSJ, as the Kearney principal. Sister Englert recently began duties as diocesan department of Catholic Schools assistant superintendent, overseeing the Wegman Inner City (WIN) Voucher Program. (See story on Page 6a.)

Prior to his arrival at Kearney, D'Angelo served as an administrator for 16 years in the Webster Central School District. He was a vice principal at Webster High School during the 1995-96 school year; curriculum supervisor for the school district from 1984 to 1995; and vice principal

at the former H.W. Schroeder High School from 1979 to 1984. He also taught foreign languages at the former Webster R.L. Thomas High School and in the Rochester City School District.

D'Angelo earned his bachelor's degree in Spanish from St. John Fisher College, and his master's degree in education from the State University of New York College at Geneseo.

In addition to Bishop Kearney — an independent Catholic high school — a number of diocesan schools will also be welcoming new administrators this school year.

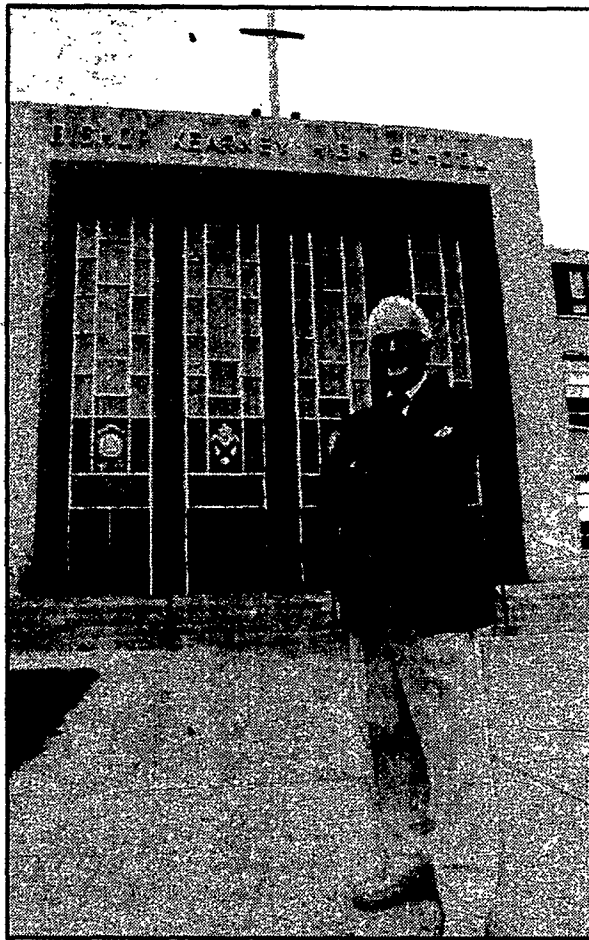
At Christ the King School in Irondequoit, Colleen D'Hondt has been named principal. She replaces Lori Leone.

D'Hondt served the previous two years as vice principal at Northeastern

Catholic Junior High School in Irondequoit. She also taught at Brighton's Siena Catholic Academy (1993-94); Brighton's Seton Junior High School (1992-93); and St. Thomas the Apostle School in Irondequoit (1981-92).

She received a master's degree in reading from Nazareth College of Rochester, and earned her Catholic schools administration certification from the University of Rochester.

Meanwhile, Leone takes over as principal at Our Mother of Sorrows School in Greece, replacing Rebecca Maloney.



Matthew Scott/Staff photographer  
Louis D'Angelo stands in front of Bishop Kearney High School, Irondequoit, having just begun duties as the first lay principal in the school's history.

Leone was principal at Christ the King School from 1990 until this past school year. She also taught at St. Theodore's School in Gates (1978-90) and Nazareth Hall in Rochester (1972-78).

She earned a master's degree in education from Nazareth College, and gained her Catholic schools administration certification from the University of Rochester.

Maloney is the new principal at St. Ambrose School in Irondequoit, replacing Marilyn Reeves.

Maloney was principal at Our

Mother of Sorrows School from 1994 to 1996. She also taught at Holy Cross School in Rochester (1983-94), and was a substitute teacher in the Rochester City School District (1981-83).

Maloney gained her master's degree in elementary education from SUNY Brockport, and her Catholic schools administration certification from the University of Rochester.

Reeves is the new principal at Holy Cross School in Rochester. She replaces Sister Carolyn Knipper, RSM.

Reeves comes to Holy Cross from St. Ambrose, where she served as principal the previous four years. She was also the principal at St. John the Evangelist School in Greece (1983-92) and at St. Mary's School in Elmira (1978-83).

She also taught at St. Theodore School in Gates (1977-78); St. John the Evangelist School in Greece (1968-77); and at Blessed Sacrament School in Rochester (1965-68).

Reeves received her master's degree in science and education from Nazareth College. She earned her administrative certification from SUNY-Brockport.

Marie Arcuri is the new principal at Good Shepherd School in Henrietta. She replaces Helen Marie Cullen, who had served as interim principal since November 1995.

Arcuri has previously taught at St. John the Evangelist School in Greece; Our Lady of Lourdes School in Brighton; and St.

Charles Borromeo School in Greece.

She received her master's degree in elementary education from Nazareth College, and her Catholic school administration certification from the University of Rochester.

Mary Barrese is the new vice-principal at Northeastern Junior High School, replacing Colleen D'Hondt.

Barrese previously served as teacher at Siena Catholic Academy (1993-96) and Good Shepherd School (1982-93). She also taught in public schools, as a substitute in the Rush-Henrietta School District (1972-82) and as a full-time teacher in the Greece (1964-65) and Cheektowaga (1963-64) school districts.

She earned her master's degree in administration from the SUNY Brockport. She received her administration certification from St. Bonaventure University.

### BK grant of \$6,500 to help with tuition

Bishop Kearney High School has received a \$6,500 grant to be used toward tuition assistance.

Known as the Ryall Grant, this gift was issued by the Eastern American Province of the Congregation of Christian Brothers. The money will be divided among approximately 20 Kearney students, according to Bishop Kearney president Brother Raymond J. Ver-cruysse, CFC.

The grant is named after Brother Eugene Finbarr Ryall, a pioneer of the Christian Brothers congregation. After arriving in the United States from Ireland in 1907, Brother Ryall was instrumental for more than 50 years in the growth of Catholic education in New York City.



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