

EDUCATION

High schools get new principals

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Three new principals have begun their positions at Catholic high schools in the diocese.

Lou Zona is the first-ever male principal at Nazareth Academy, an all-girls' school in Rochester. He replaces Olena Lylak, who has taken on a new position as director of instruction at the Nazareth Schools, which comprise Nazareth Academy and Nazareth Hall.

Karen Juliano is the new principal at DeSales High School, a coeducational school in Geneva. Juliano replaces Daniel Skinner, who left at the end of the 2001-02 school year.

Sally Ann Cardilli has begun as principal of Aquinas Institute, a coeducational school in Rochester. She replaces Vilma Goetting, who left at the end of 2001-02.

Zona, 55, served the past six years as principal of Pittsford Middle School. He said he was attracted to the opening at Nazareth because of the comparatively close-knit environment. Whereas Pittsford Middle School had 1,450 students, Nazareth's enrollment last year was 300.

Although this is Zona's first working experience in Catholic education, his son attends McQuaid Jesuit High School and his daughter graduated from Our Lady of Mercy High. "I'm very familiar with Catholic values ... the character values important for making good citizens," he said. He added that the Nazareth faculty's dedication has already impressed him, saying, "It's amazing to me how much the teachers do. They teach, but they have four or five things under their name that they also do."

Zona holds a bachelor's degree from the State University of New York at Geneseo in social studies and from SUNY Brock-

port in special education. He gained his master's degree in educational administration from SUNY Brockport.

From 1971-85 he taught at junior highs and high schools in the Rochester City School District. He was an administrator at Rochester's John Marshall High School from 1985-94, serving the final year as house principal. He was assistant principal at Pittsford Middle School from 1994-96 before taking over the principal's slot.

Zona, a Penfield resident, is a parishioner of St. Mary's in downtown Rochester.

Juliano, 49, comes to DeSales from Louisville, Ky., where she had been principal of Holy Rosary Academy since 1990.

She said she'd become familiar with the Geneva area through shopping at the Waterloo Premium Outlet Mall, stopping there while traveling between Kentucky and her native Massachusetts.

"I remember vividly being in Geneva, never dreaming I would come to work here," remarked Juliano, who plans to reside in Seneca Falls.

At DeSales, Juliano said she hopes to "achieve greater accomplishments in the future - on the athletic fields, with extracurricular activities and community service, and last but certainly not least, the whole shared faith experience."

Juliano holds a bachelor's degree in math from Regis College in Massachusetts, a master's in secondary education from Boston State College, a certificate of advanced educational study in Catholic school administration from Boston College and a doctorate in educational leadership from Louisville's Spalding University.

She taught at Rosary Academy in Waretown, Mass. (1974-76), and was a teacher and administrator at Our Lady of Nazareth Academy in Wakefield, Mass. (1978-88). She then served as assistant principal at

South Catholic High School in Hartford, Conn. (1988-90), before moving to Holy Rosary in Kentucky.

After 34 years in the Rochester City School District, Cardilli, 55, retired this past spring from her principal's post at Henry Hudson School No. 28. Yet she said she wanted to stay involved in education, and Aquinas Institute appeared a good fit.

"I guess I'm a traditionalist at heart, and I love the tradition and the type of Christian education that is upheld here and has been upheld for years," she said.

Being a graduate of the former St. Anne School and St. Agnes High School in Rochester - "once parochial, always parochial," she remarked - Cardilli felt the Aquinas principal's position provided a chance "to give back, maybe, to parochial education what I felt I came out of it with."

Cardilli earned all her college degrees from SUNY Brockport: her bachelor's and master's in education, and her permanent certification as a school district administrator.

She began her long tenure in the City School District in 1968. The bulk of her teaching and administrative duty has taken place at Adlai Stevenson School No. 29, Kodak Park School No. 41 and Henry Hudson School No. 28. She served a total of 12 years as vice principal among the three schools, and was principal the past three years at School 28.

Cardilli is a parishioner at St. John of Rochester in Fairport.

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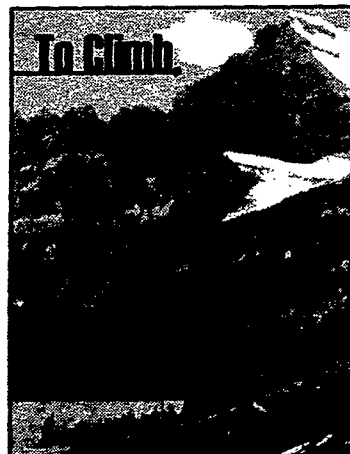
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