

Dear St. Matthew Community,

It is with sincere, heartfelt gratitude that I look forward to returning to St. Matthew School on May 2, 2016, as your principal. I've spent the last 4 years at Holy Name School, a K-6 French immersion school in Killarney. It has been an absolute gift watching Holy Name go from 222 to 429 (Sept. 2016 projection) in 4 short years. Now God has given me a 2nd gift; returning to St. Matthew School.

I clearly remember the day I left St. Matthew as VP back in 2012, circling around the block in my car, eyes filled with tears but a heart filled with love on my 3 year life-changing experience at St. Matthew School. It is one special place; I'm thrilled to be back.

I've been reflecting for weeks now on what to put in my 1st letter to all of you. I think this letter should describe to you what I believe in when it comes to leadership in a Catholic school, who I am and how I live. I've prayed for the words and asked God to use this pen I'm holding to share what's in my heart.

“I serve God first, so I can better serve you.”

In my humble opinion, there is only 1 book I need to lead a school, that's the Holy Bible. Our kids today need God more than ever before. We need God to teach, guide and direct our students. We (staff & parents) must be the ones who walk & talk our faith to inspire our children to lean on God.

“God must be in the center of a school. He must be our foundation. When He is, everything else falls into place.”

As parents, you have the hardest job on the planet: raising a child. My role is to serve you and your child. Father Julian, a dear friend of mine, once said, “A successful life is a life of service.” My promise



to you is to stand beside, listen and support you without judgment but with compassion and understanding, as we work together to support your children and allow them to shine!

“It takes a village to raise a child.”

So I invite you all to join me in my 1 goal for St. Matthew School; to put God first. I want to show all members of the St. Matthew School Community that God is all you need. I want to show you that we are all called to be God’s instruments. When a community truly believes that, together their faith can move mountains.

God doesn’t care what you do: parent, student, teacher, education assistant, caretaker, noon hour assistant, assistant principal, evening caretaker, vice principal, DLCT, principal, learning commons librarian or DLT.

“He cares WHO you do it for.”

The best advice I ever received on how to lead a school was from my friend Father Julian. He said: “Staff, parents and students only need to bring 2 things to school each day: a basin and a towel. Wash each other’s feet. Serve.”

I look forward to serving you at St. Matthew School on May 2nd.

In Christ,

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“Seek the kingdom of God above all else and live righteously and He will give you everything you need.” Matthew 6:33