



OMPH School Scene

Meet Our New Principal!



Dear Parents and Friends of Our Mother of Perpetual Help Catholic School,

Welcome to the 2018-19 school year. It is with humble honor that I introduce myself as your new Principal of OMPH Catholic School. My journey with this faith community officially began on July 1st, 2018. I have had the pleasure of meeting several members of the school and parish family. I thank you for your warm welcome and look forward to a great year of growth in the faith and in our community.

I come to this position with a diverse background of life experiences. My birthplace is Lancaster, where I spent most of my childhood before moving to Mountville. After marriage to my husband, Rob, and the birth of our first child, we moved to Mount Joy, where our three children (Andrew, Megan, and Matthew) were raised. In addition to vocations of motherhood and wife, my work experiences include Executive Principal of St. Teresa of Calcutta Catholic School in Adams County (which formed from the consolidation of three Catholic schools, where I also was one of the leaders and overseers of the transition process and opening of the new school entity), Principal of Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic School (one of the three consolidated schools), PreK-8 music and middle school math teacher at St. Leo the Great Catholic School, music and choral instructor at Hannah Penn Middle School in York City School District, and early childhood music teacher. I hold a Master of Music from West Chester University, a Bachelor of Science in Education from Millersville University, a PA Administrative certificate through Cabrini College, and a PA Instructional II certificate in Music (PreK-12) and Middle Level Math (6-9). I bring the same strong devotion and support to my professional and vocational endeavors as I have given and continue to give to my marriage and faith formation as well as to my children's primary, secondary, and college education and their extra-curricular sports and music activities.

My journey to the Catholic faith began in 8th grade when my best friend at that time would invite me to attend Mass with her family every Sunday. My ties to the Church continued with my marriage to my husband who is Catholic. In agreeing to marry in the Church, I also committed to raising my children in the teachings of the faith. Because of my strong conviction to be a role model for my children, I heard the call of God to live out what I expected them to do. Therefore, after the birth of my first child, I participated in the RCIA process. On April 10th, 1993, three weeks before the birth of my second child, I was baptized, received first Holy Communion, and was confirmed at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church, Lancaster with my Father-in-Law as my sponsor. I then registered as a member of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish (now Mary, Mother of the Church) in Mount Joy where we have been members for over 25 years.

As we begin this school year, OMPH Catholic School will focus on leadership skills and our school-wide theme of *God's Love for Us ... Know It, Grow It, Show It. May we each be the leader of ourselves in showing and in bringing God's love to others. May we also take the lead in welcoming new staff members to our OMPH School Team. Warmest greetings are extended to Mrs. Sheckler, 5th Grade Teacher, Mrs. Slegowski, Cafeteria Assistant, Mrs. Barrett, Playground Supervisor, and Miss Novotnak, in her new role as Munch Bunch Director.*

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as Principal at Our Mother of Perpetual Help Catholic School. I look forward to getting to know the students, families, and friends of OMPH School. May Mary, Our Mother of Perpetual Help, watch over us as we journey through each blessed day.

Respectfully in His Service,

Mrs. Patricia A. Foltz, Principal