GINA KUNTZ FLEMING NAMED SUPERINTENDENT

Gina Kuntz Fleming will begin her duties as the new superintendent of Catholic schools for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis on July 1, 2013. She now serves as an assistant superintendent. In her new role, Gina will oversee 57 elementary and 11 Catholic high schools, and will be in charge of curriculum, professional development, special needs and government programs.

Gina was principal of Holy Name School in Beech Grove, her alma mater, for six years. She started a resource program for children with special needs, Giant Steps Summer Camp, a technology program, a World Perspectives course, and a pre-kindergarten for three-year-olds. She lead a successful four-year development and marketing process with Catholic School Management, Inc.

She taught in the Warren Township Schools from 1993-2006 where she was involved in the leadership of several district initiatives and also worked with the Christel DeHaan Family Foundation as an educational consultant and program coordinator for Project E – Excellence in Education.

Gina holds masters’ degrees in K-12 administration from Butler University and general education from Indiana Wesleyan University. Her degree in elementary education is from Marian College. She is a graduate of Roncalli High School.

The youngest of nine children, her late father, Bill Kuntz, was principal of Scecina Memorial High School and director of the CYO. Her husband, Scott, contributes to Catholic education as a father and husband, but also as head women’s softball coach and assistant men’s basketball coach at Marian University. Sons, Andrew (13) and Noah (1 ½) are students at Holy Name Catholic School.

Gina states, “I am humbled and honored to serve the archdiocese in this capacity. I am proud to answer this call to work with Archbishop Tobin, Bishop Coyne, Harry Plummer and all those who serve our Catholic schools so that our schools may continue to be successful. In partnership with so many incredible administrators, pastors, teachers, parents and parishioners, the possibilities for our students and our schools are endless!”

A former student of Gina’s in Warren Township, Jenna Stoffel, who was named an Indiana Academic All-Star this year, named Mrs. Fleming as her most influential teacher, saying: “Simply put, my third grade teacher, Mrs. Gina Fleming, influenced my life by instilling an unrelenting curiosity in me. …She was and forever will be my ideal role model: a woman strong, loving and faithful. Mrs. Fleming’s influence was far from only being academic; her presence alone was enough to shape me into the person I am today.”
PUTTING OUR FAITH IN ACTION

“Love Thy Neighbor” – The young church of the New Albany Deanery doesn’t take Jesus’ command lightly! Each summer, high school youth gather for a mission experience right in their own back yard. ‘Faith in Action’ is a week of service coordinated by New Albany Deanery Catholic Youth Ministries with a focus on prayer, community, service, and of course, tons of fun! Housed at Mount Saint Francis Center for Spirituality, participants serve community members and agencies in Floyd, Clark, and Harrison counties. Many local volunteers and college-age young adults serve in various capacities to make the week possible. Guiding the week is the theme based on Isaiah 43:1, “I have called you by name: You are mine.” Whether it’s through prayer, Mass, Reconciliation, small group interaction, sharing meals, fun evening socials, or serving at the soup kitchen, Catholic Worker House, nursing home, children’s shelter, or doing tornado relief – we pray that youth will recognize they are immensely loved and that they in-turn will be called to love and serve others. Ready to put your Faith in Action? Join us June 17-21, 2013! Open to incoming 9-12 grade students. For more information call 812-945-2000 or visit www.nadyouth.org.

~ Leah Cissell, Coordinator of Programming, New Albany Deanery Catholic Youth Ministry

Donors Dine With Archbishop Tobin – Tax Credit Scholarship Giving Tops $1 Million

On June 18, approximately 100 major donors have been invited to an outdoor dinner with Archbishop Joseph Tobin at his residence to recognize their generosity. These people are among the top donors honored at the 2012 Celebrating Catholic School Values event last November. They gave for Indiana Tax Credit Scholarships through the event or through individual schools, for general scholarships or for event sponsorships. Some $960,000 was realized the night of the event and that has grown to over $1 million in tax credit scholarships alone since that time.

The Indiana Tax Credit Scholarship, when applied to a kindergarten or first grade student in one of our Catholic Schools, allows the child to receive an Indiana School Voucher after being enrolled in our school on the scholarship for two semesters. Some 931 students in 54 schools received over $721,000 in scholarships through the Educational CHOICE Charitable Trust, the scholarship granting organization (SGO) for our schools, for this school year. Donors received a state tax credit for 50 percent of their gift up to their total state income tax liability.

2294 students attended our Catholic schools on Indiana School Vouchers this year compared to 1058 last year. This represents $9.7 million in tuition aid from the state for 2012-13. Many more students will qualify for vouchers next school year through the Tax Credit Scholarships.

There is great news from the Indiana Legislature that will affect the scholarship and voucher programs for the coming school year (see below). However, this means in no uncertain terms, that schools will need to increase their efforts to sponsor Indiana Tax Credit Scholarships through the CHOICE Trust for 2013-14.

### CHANGES IN THE SCHOLARSHIP/VOUCHER FOR NEXT SCHOOL YEAR

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Other changes:

• Requires a summer study committee on vouchers

• Requires that a student receive a minimum $500 SGO scholarship in order to qualify for the voucher in a subsequent year (or for a sibling to become eligible) after next year. (Note: this does not apply to current or past SGO recipients)

• Requires the Department of Education to process (student and school) applications within 15 days and to make two payments to schools

Source: INPEA

Mark Your Calendar!

CELEBRATING CATHOLIC SCHOOL VALUES:
Scholarship and Career Achievement Awards

OCTOBER 8, 2013
Union Station, Indianapolis

Save the date for this premiere event to celebrate our Catholic schools together. Once again fund-raising will concentrate on Tax Credit Scholarships.
90% of the targeted archdiocesan schools have chosen to participate in some level of professional development through this comprehensive plan for the 2013-14 school year.

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Dr. Lorraine Ozar Presents
National Catholic Standards and Benchmarks

On April 23, principals, pastors and high school presidents throughout the Archdiocese of Indianapolis gathered in Oldenburg to participate in an interactive presentation led by Dr. Lorraine Ozar, co-author of the National Standards and Benchmarks for Effective Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools. The standards are focused in the following areas: Mission and Catholic Identity, Governance and Leadership, Academic Excellence, and Operational Vitality.

Ozar writes, “The publication of these effectiveness standards gives the entire Catholic community a common framework of universal characteristics of Catholic identity and agreed-upon criteria for Catholic school excellence.”

In the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, we hold ourselves accountable for the spiritual, academic, and social growth of our students. Gina Kuntz Fleming, assistant superintendent of schools, states, “The standards affirm the grounded structure of our Catholic schools and the daily work that goes into their effective operations.

To learn more, please visit www.catholicschoolstandards.org

SR. JEANNE HAGELSKAMP HONORED WITH LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

On March 6, 2013 The Indiana Commission for Women (ICW) presented the 2013 Torchbearer Awards to 11 women during a ceremony at the Indiana Government Center Auditorium. The Torchbearer Awards is the only program that honors the women of Indiana. Sr. Jeanne Hagelskamp, SP, the founding president and current principal of Providence Cristo Rey High School, Indianapolis, received the Lifetime Achievement Award., presented by Indiana Senator Jean Breaux. Sr. Jeanne stated, “I truly know that is has not been my work or my achievement. It is the work of our Provident God, using thousands of hearts and hands as we have all worked together to level the playing field for women and for countless students in urban areas. I accepted the award on behalf of all those people who made Providence Cristo Rey a reality.”

In July, Sr. Jeanne will become an Associate Professor of Leadership in the Academy for Teaching and Learning Leadership at Marian University. In that capacity, she will help to design the master and doctoral programs in educational leadership and will take the lead and teach in the new Catholic School Leadership programs.

She states, “As we develop the Catholic School Leadership program, our intent is to create a premier program that will train the next generation of school leaders for the archdiocese and beyond. In our initial design, the tenets of Catholic social teaching are embedded across all programs, including the principal licensure program that forms principals for all kinds of schools.”

Sr. Jeanne and her team are eager to work with the archdiocese as they continue to design the program. “The archdiocese will be able to provide valuable information and feedback so that we are creating a program that is founded in faith, that builds strong community among its members, and that provides future Catholic school leaders with the tools they need to become innovative, countercultural change agents who will create the vibrant, faith-filled learning communities that are characteristic of Catholic education.” Congratulations, Sr. Jeanne!

MCCOY IS NEWLY NAMED ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

Mrs. Mary McCoy has been named Assistant Superintendent of Schools effective July 1. Mary will support our schools with instructional resources, assistance in technology integration and help with business management. Mary brings with her a great passion for our Catholic faith, a beautiful enthusiasm for teaching and learning, and a clear focus on student growth and achievement.

Mary is a lifelong member of St. Mark Parish and has worked in the Archdiocese her entire career. She taught at St. Malachy, St. Mark and Central Catholic, and then was campus director at St. Philip Neri. Since 2008, Mary has served as principal at St. Philip Neri. As for her new position, Mary notes, “It's exciting to serve the Archdiocese in this new capacity as I will be able to serve our Catholic Schools in a broader way. Being able to make an impact on not just one school, but on many schools is exciting. I look forward to being a resource for our principals and teachers.”

She holds a Bachelors and Master degrees from Indiana University and her Masters in Educational Administration from the Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) program from the University of Notre Dame.

Mary and her husband, Brian, have three children - Kaylee, Kyle, and Keaton — all of whom attended St. Mark and Roncalli High School.

ARCHBISHOP TOBIN HOSTS LUNCHEON

Last month Archbishop Tobin hosted the 19th annual A Promise to Keep (APTK) luncheon honoring the 340 peer mentors who have taught APTK lessons in schools and parishes during 2012-13. This year’s keynote speaker, Liz Miskowiec, a Cardinal Ritter graduate, was a mentor in APTK for three years. She continues to serve as a positive role model and witness as a first grade teacher at Holy Name. She testified that continuing to live a chaste life as a young adult is possible if you remain true to your values, are a leader and choose friends who respect you. Liz also shared her APTK commitment card she signed in seventh grade at St. Gabriel School in 2000. The seeds planted by APTK mentors have borne fruit! Thank you Liz — and thanks to all the teens and young adults who are living a life of respect and dignity.

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ST. THEODOREA GUÉRIN EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AWARD WINNERS

The Saint Theodora Excellence in Education Award is named after the foundress of the Sisters of Providence, St. Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana. As teacher and leader, she was graced with the ability to look beyond personal hardships and to inspire others to face each day joyfully, fully trusting in God’s providence.

Saint Theodora distinguished herself in the formation of teachers of religion. She modeled a tradition of excellence in education for all. The St. Theodora Guérin Excellence in Education Award was created to honor exemplary teachers in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

This year there were nine finalists — all incredible teachers — who were interviewed by a team of educators. Rob Rash, assistant superintendent, states, “Each year we honor exemplary teachers. I love meeting all of these dedicated people who give so much to our Catholic schools. Every teacher we interview states that teaching is a ‘vocation’ — something they are called to do. It is clear to me that this is true.” Members of the Archdiocesan Education Commission, the Faith Formation Team, and Catholic high school and elementary administrators all participated in the selection process. All finalists were celebrated in their parish communities either with a presentation following Mass or a special convocation.

On behalf of Archbishop Joseph Tobin, Bishop Christopher Coyne, Mr. Harry Plummer, and the entire Archdiocese, we are pleased to recognize these nine outstanding educators with the St. Theodora Guérin Excellence in Education Award:

AWARD RECIPIENT
Scott Hutchins, Our Lady of Providence High School, Clarksville

FINALISTS
Kathleen Bear, Pope John XXIII, Madison
Michelle Craney, Saint Malachy, Brownsburg
Connie Hessler, Saint Jude, Indianapolis
Susan Huber, Saint Anthony of Padua, Clarksville
Amber Roessler, Saint Rose of Lima, Franklin
Kristy Schwendenmann, Saint Mary’s, North Vernon
Gerard Striby, Roncalli High School, Indianapolis
Denise Wilson, Saint Barnabas, Indianapolis

Award recipient Scott Hutchins, Our Lady of Providence High School, Clarksville, pictured with (from left) Fr. Mike Hilderbrand, Gina Fleming, Principal Mindy Ernstberger, President Joan Hurley, and Rob Rash.

We are already planning for the 2014 event for APTK. Mark your calendar for next year’s event on May 12, 2014. Contact Margaret Hendricks at mhendricks@archindy.org for information.

GOLD FORE FAITH

On Monday, May 13, 2013, the Office of Catholic Education hosted the fourth annual Golf Fore Faith (GFF) outing at Crooked Stick Golf Club in Carmel. The course was perfectly groomed and in pristine condition. This year, more than 100 players enjoyed the venue and day’s events. The funds raised exceeded $10,000. We are already planning for the 2014 event for APTK. Mark your calendar for next year’s event on May 12, 2014. Contact Margaret Hendricks at mhendricks@archindy.org for information.

Helping to build disciples of Jesus Christ is a key component of the New Evangelization. Although, ultimately, this is a work of the Holy Spirit, we are each called to actively participate in evangelization. Peg McEvoy, Assistant Director for Evangelization and Family Catechesis, along with members of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis’ Evangelization Commission, presented sessions in the last two weeks of May to help parishes organize teams of people to focus on the New Evangelization. Participants were treated to a short video address from Archbishop Tobin in which he shared his enthusiasm and encouragement. During the session, participants had opportunities to learn, share and utilize resources to aid parish evangelization teams in their work. And, of course, there were great desserts, too! If you missed it and would like more information about building parish evangelization teams, contact Peg McEvoy at pmcevoy@archindy.org.

WE ARE ALL ONE YOUTH MINISTRY FORMATION... AN INTERCULTURAL APPROACH

“We are All One” is a youth ministry training program developed in a collaborative effort by the archdiocesan Youth Ministry and Hispanic Ministry. The collaboration was initiated by a growing need among the parishes that are experiencing a surge in ministering to multiple cultures. Most of these parishes are serving at least two separate youth groups – English-speaking and Hispanic. The purpose of the program is to offer parishes the tools they need to work towards “inter-culturation.” This term suggests that each culture continues to embrace its own unique gifts, yet the cultures can come together as one to share, learn from and celebrate each other. A pilot training will be offered as an intensive weekend on August 3 and 4, 2013 and will be hosted at the Benedict Inn, Beech Grove. Some of the topics that will be covered are Principles of Catholic Youth Ministry, Inter-cultural Pastoral Theology, Communication and Strategic Techniques in working with diverse groups. The training will stress practical skills to implement an inter-cultural ministry using the “Prophets of Hope” model by St. Mary’s Press. A grant from the Catholic Youth Foundation USA will assist with funding and the materials will be donated by St. Mary’s Press. More information and registration will be available soon.
Reflections from the Executive Director

Taking it to the Streets … I recently read a cartoon depicting an exhausted caveman sitting on a rock near the front of his cave. He had been tossing spears, as evidenced by a dozen or so of them sticking in the ground outside the cave. Looking at his wife, who is standing next to him with a puzzled look on her face, he says, “I thought I’d try hunting from home, but it’s harder than I expected.”

I think Pope Francis would enjoy this cartoon. It touches on something he has stressed long before he entered into his pontificate: the importance of taking our Catholic Faith into the “streets” – broadly defined as everyone – but especially those who have fallen away from fully practicing the Catholic Faith. According to the 2008 Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA) study "Sacraments Today: Belief and Practice Among U.S. Catholics," only 23% of U.S. Catholics regularly attend Mass once a week, while 77% self-identify as “proud to be Catholic.” These statistics shout the need for the New Evangelization. We need to get at these people through developing clever, engaging evangelistic outreaches in all our school and parish ministries, animated first and foremost by the Gospel witness of our personal faith lives. Falling short in this regard may be partly behind what Pope Francis meant when he said in a speech to the College of Cardinals a few days before his election, “When the Church does not come out of herself to evangelize, she becomes self-referential and then gets sick.”

So let’s keep our ministries healthy by being personally engaged in creating the conditions and providing the opportunities through which those we serve may personally encounter Jesus Christ and His transforming love. And, doing this in the midst of the concrete and sometimes messy situations we find ourselves in may in turn serve to transform us more perfectly into the image of our Good Shepherd, who came to seek out and save what was lost.

Yours in Christ,

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