



June 21, 2018

Dear MSM Family:

On behalf of the Mount St. Mary Academy Board of Trustees, I am honored to announce the appointment of Katherine Spillman, M.Ed., as the next Principal of Mount St. Mary Academy. Katie will assume the role of Principal on August 1, 2018.

The Board is thrilled to welcome Katie into our family. Her warm personality and vision for the future align perfectly with the character of the Mount. Katie comes to us with vast experience teaching in and ministering to Catholic school communities. For the past ten years, Katie has served as the Director of Staff Formation at Xaverian Brothers High School, an all-boys school in Westwood, Massachusetts. In that capacity, Katie planned experiences for the Xaverian faculty and staff that fueled the school's mission and fostered a greater sense of spiritual kinship. She served as a resource for faculty and staff members who sought support, counseling, and mentorship. By all accounts, Katie, who led and participated in a number of school leadership committees, was an important contributor to the Xaverian leadership team.

Prior to her experience at Xaverian, Katie spent time working in Campus Ministry. She served as the Campus Minister for Ignatian Formation at Boston College, and prior to that, was a Campus Minister at the University of Massachusetts - Lowell. Her role as Director of Campus Ministry at Trinity Catholic High School in Newton, MA provided a wonderful opportunity to connect with students. Katie has also spent considerable time in the classroom as a theology teacher, both at Trinity Catholic and at Charlotte Catholic High School in Charlotte, NC.

Katie earned her Bachelor of Arts in Theology and History and a Master of Education from the University of Notre Dame. She also holds a Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry from Boston College.

Katie brings with her great experience, new ideas and an enthusiasm for leading a school community that is intently focused on the care and empowerment of young women. She recognizes the Mount's many strengths and is committed to building on them - and adding to them - as we continue to advance our mission of educating students in the tradition of our founders, the Sisters of St. Mary of Namur.

Katie has the spirit of a Mountie. As an alumna of the Mount myself and the mother of two recent alumnae, I recognized it immediately. She is warm and welcoming and creative and inspiring. She shares our commitments to academic excellence and community service. She will work tirelessly to ensure the continued success of the Mount. Katie shares, "I am filled with joyful anticipation for all that awaits me at Mount St. Mary Academy. Building on the strong foundation established by beloved Principal Mrs. Dawn Riggie, and the faculty and staff, I look forward to guiding the community to continue to be a place that young women thrive and are nurtured in their unique giftedness."

Katie and her husband, Jim, are natives of Western New York, having grown up in Penfield and Tonawanda, respectively. Jim was recently appointed Principal at St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute. With their family's move to Buffalo this summer, the Spillmans are coming home. We look forward to welcoming them and their three children!

Warmly,

Kathy Hoelscher Glieco '81  
President, Board of Trustees