

# Sponsorship NEWS

July 15, 2020



Dear Administrators,

I recently received a free Fitbit from the province's health care provider. My favorite function on that device is the one that reminds me to relax, be still and breathe calmly. Even two short minutes of this exercise can yield great results; it gives me a renewed sense of calm and focus in my life.

We are all facing difficult times in our personal and professional lives. In the midst of these difficulties, we need to take a sacred pause and accept God's invitation: "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." (Mat 11:28) I pray you will make time this summer to pause, to breathe, and allow yourself to be renewed and refreshed by God's grace.

In peace and prayer,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dan".

Deacon Dan Donnelly  
Director, Office of Sponsorship

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## Welcome Erica Duarte – National LIFE Coordinator



We are pleased to welcome **Erica Duarte** as the new national coordinator for [Marianist LIFE](#) (Living in Faith Experience).

Erica taught high school for many years and recently served as director of student life at St. Peter Prince of Apostles Catholic School in San Antonio.

A Texas native, Erica first encountered the Marianist charism at Nolan Catholic High School in Fort Worth, where she taught English and served in campus ministry from 2008-2017. (Nolan was a Marianist-sponsored school until 2014.) She also has served as the head of program at LIFE South. She and her husband, Gabriel, also formerly a Nolan teacher and LIFE moderator, have a two-year-old daughter, Vivian.

Erica will report to **Patrick Wheadon** in the Office of Sponsorship. She will be based in San Antonio with an office on the campus of Central Catholic High School. Welcome aboard, Erica!

Erica takes the reins from **Toni Mesina**, who after nine years of dedicated

service to LIFE, has chosen to return to classroom teaching. Thank you, Toni!

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## Loyet Scholarship Established at Vianney



The Board of Directors at [St. John Vianney High School](#) in St. Louis have established the **Michael Loyet '77 Scholarship Fund** to recognize the positive impact that he has had at Vianney during his lifetime as a Catholic, Marianist educator and alumni of the school. Mike has completed his employment as president of St. John Vianney High School in St. Louis in June 2020. Thank you Mike, for your leadership, your friendship, and your service!

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## Osborne Named Interim President of VASJ



The Catholic Diocese of Cleveland named **Richard J. Osborne** interim president of [Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School](#), replacing former president Bill Cervenik who stepped down in March of this year. Osborne is returning to VASJ, where he previously served as chairman of the board from 2009-2011 and president of the school from 2011 to 2016, when he retired. Welcome back, Rich!

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## Palcsey Named Principal of North Catholic



The Diocese of Pittsburgh has named **Michael Palcsey** as principal of [North Catholic High School](#) (he had previously served as vice-principal at North Catholic). Luke Crawford (president at North Catholic) has resigned his position at North Catholic to pursue other career opportunities.

Congratulations, Michael on your new position!

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## Cavanaugh Honored by Province



The Province honored **Marge Cavanaugh** in May for her service as a member of the Marianist Sponsorship Commission. Marge served as an at-large member of Sponsorship Commission since its inception in 2013. Thank you, Marge for your generous service.

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