

A Fond Farewell to Sister Mary Sue Carwile

With both gratitude and sadness, we bid farewell to Sister Mary Sue Carwile, who has faithfully served the Saint James community for the past ten years. Sister Mary Sue was assigned as Principal of Saint James School in the summer of 2013. During her tenure, Saint James School was awarded two additional US Department of Education Blue Ribbons, was able to provide in person learning during the COVID-19 pandemic, opened a new preschool, grew its fine arts and technology programs, increased the diversity of the student population, and strengthened test scores across the board.

The second youngest of six children, Sister Mary Sue is a native of Arlington, VA. She attended Saint Thomas More parish where her grandparents were founding members and her parents, Sidney and Dorothy, were married. She also attended the parish school, where she was taught by the IHM Sisters. Sister Mary Sue first felt the call to religious life in 7th grade. Upon graduation from Bishop J. O'Connell High School, Sister attended James Madison University for one year before entering the IHM community on Our Lady's birthday--September 8, 1974. While in formation, she obtained a degree in History and Theology from Immaculata University. Sister later earned a Master's degree from Villanova University and was missioned in the dioceses of Philadelphia, Allentown, and Harrisburg before returning to the Arlington Diocese as Principal of Saint James School.

When asked about her time here at Saint James, Sister smiled and replied "I love the kids. They bring so much joy to my life. I love the community of Saint James—the parish and the school. It's full of charity and goodness. I loved being near my family these past ten years. I love the faculty and staff, their dedication and professionalism. I love the Sisters. And I loved having a dog!"

We offer our prayers and best wishes to Sister Mary Sue in her new role as an elected member of the IHM Council. We are grateful to Sister for all she has done for the entire Saint James Community.

Sister Mary Sue, we will miss you!



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Thank You and Farewell, Sister Mary Sue



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