



July 30, 2018

Dear St. Joseph Families,

It is with great joy and a feeling of being truly blessed that I join the St. Joseph Catholic School Community as your new principal.

I have been in education for 35 years, most of those here in the Diocese of Tucson. I am a native Tucsonan and a graduate of Salpointe Catholic High School. I have been a teacher of all grade levels in both public and private schools. I served one year as Assistant Superintendent of the Diocese and one year as a principal, including interim principal here at St. Joseph Catholic School. I have a variety of other educational experiences which include working on a government program designing and administering standardized tests, teaching English through immersion to refugee women, designing curriculum for both elementary and high school, designing and facilitating professional development for teachers, opening a new school, serving as an Assistant Principal and working as a mentor for first and second year teachers.

I would like to welcome the following new members to our staff, some whom you may have already met!

In the office, Joan Navarro is our receptionist and Michele Hackett is our scholarship manager and registrar. Ann Vilches – Kinder; Corinne Botsford - 1st grade; Martha Luebbering – 7th grade HR and Middle School Religion and Literature; Joshua Schwartz – 6th grade HR and Middle School Social Studies and Writing; Amy Rocha – PE; Cynthia Cuffe – ESD.

When you return to campus you will notice some nice additions such as water bottle filling stations at the drinking fountains thanks to the success of Fiesta, some remodeling in the main office and our doors have been painted. The portable classrooms are being taken down. Rm. 6 is a teacher conference / work room.

- **The staff returns to school on August 1st and on that day the office will be closed for school staff meetings.**
- **Please visit our school website at <https://saintjosephstucson.weebly.com/> for information on supply lists and other important school information.**
- **August 6th you may drop off supplies at your child's classroom between 10 and 12 and then please join us from 5:30 – 7 in Healy Hall for a Parent Orientation.**

I have enjoyed meeting some of you and look forward to meeting everyone these next few weeks.

I have a very open door policy! Please never hesitate to call, email, or come to my office.

I have a strong commitment to Catholic education and the importance of Catholic schools. I am committed to creating a community of faith, compassion, respect, and collaboration.

Peace and joy,

Mrs. Van Loan, Principal