

Dear Saint James School Community,

It is with much emotion that I am writing to inform you that I will be retiring from my position of Principal of Saint James School effective June 30, 2015. I believe it was the Holy Spirit that brought me to Saint James and it is the Spirit that has helped me with my decision to retire.

The reality of leaving the Saint James School family leaves me with a feeling of great loss. Yet it has also given me an opportunity to reflect upon all of the wonderfully kind and talented children, parents and staff members that have enriched my life during my time here at Saint James.

First and foremost I would like to formally thank Monsignor Lowery for all of his guidance and support. I am grateful for this opportunity that he has afforded me and will forever be indebted to him for his great spiritual and administrative leadership.

When I arrived, I listened and learned from all of the people of the Saint James community just how special this school is and how much they loved being a part of it. What became obvious was their total commitment to God's plan and Catholic education. I expressed then that part of my purpose was to learn humility and to renew my faith life through service to all of you and in particular the beautiful children of this great school. I can now say more than ever and with greater conviction than before that this is indeed true. I am much more than before because of all of you.

Finally I wish to thank all of you who have made my stay here at Saint James so rewarding. I will be forever grateful for your support and commitment to the children, the Saint James School and the future of Catholic education. I wish for all of you and your loved ones health, happiness and all of God's blessings. You will always be in my prayers.

Respectfully,

William A. Cardone