



Church of Saint Bridget

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Dear PREP Parent / Guardian,

Although this scholastic year has just ended, we set the wheels in motion for a new year of religious education at St. Bridget Parish. I am excited to coordinate the program to bring our Catholic faith to the children of the parish. I know that I follow a well organized program under the direction of Mrs. Kathleen Capitanio and will keep many of her initiatives in place.

For those who do not know me, allow me to tell you a little bit about myself and my past experience. I began teaching in 1972 as a "very young" professed Sister. This assignment was first grade at Holy Saviour School in Westmont, NJ. After 12 years of 1st grade and 2nd grade sacramental preparation for 1st Reconciliation and 1st communion I was transferred to what was then St. Jude in Blackwood. Here I taught 4th grade for a year and then served as the Vice Principal for 6 years. In the mean time, I attended Georgian Court College earning a Masters degree in Administration, Curriculum, and Supervision. In 1992, I returned to Holy Saviour as principal and served that parish and school for another 12 years.

In 2004, after the close of the school year, I had the opportunity to live in Italy. For two years, I was blessed to live in Assisi, the home of St. Francis and to travel frequently to our General House in Rome where I worked in the archives reviewing the wealth of information we have accumulated on the beginning of our Institute and our Foundress. At the same time, I created a data base to record all the information on the members of our Congregation since 1859.

In 2006, I received a call from Fr. Cadmus Mazzarella who was in search of a principal for the 2006-2007 school year. Some of our Sisters were already planning to move to St. Bridget Parish. I knew that God was calling me to return to the USA and resume where I had left off two years before. But the wonderful period at St. Bridget Regional School was short lived due to the mergers beginning to take place. I became the coordinator a new middle school elective program and technology at the newly merged school. Two years have now passed in this new position.

With St. Bridget now declared a stand-alone Parish, I feel God is calling me to be more involved. Therefore, I have accepted the responsibility of coordinating the PREP program for St. Bridget Parish. I look forward to meeting with you and your children as we walk together through their early years of faith formation. Do not hesitate to contact me with any questions that arise during the course of the year. The best way to reach me is at St. Michael Regional School (856) 881-0067 or by e-mail srjnovaktech@smrsonline.com. I will keep you informed as the year progresses of any changes to the calendar or events as they are added. May God bless you and give you his peace.

Sincerely in Christ,

Sister Janice Novak, FMIHM