



Diocese of Springfield
Office of the Bishop

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Dear St Stanislaus Kostka families,

I want you to be among the first to learn of some changes that will be happening for St. Stanislaus Kostka School.

With the passing of Sr. Amandine Zdrok in June, the Felician Sisters have decided to re-assign Sr. Jacqueline Kazanowski where she will be able to maintain her bonds to her religious community. This means that after serving students at St. Stanislaus Kostka in Adams for 106 years, the Sisters of St. Felix of Cantalice will no longer be part of the school community. While we are all saddened that we will no longer have Sr. Jacqueline in residence, we are confident that the influence of the Felician Sisters in the school for over a century will have a lasting presence.

The school and the diocese are committed to making sure the spiritual life of the students of St. Stanislaus Kostka School continues to be nurtured. With that in mind I asked Father Steve Montesanti, parish priest for St John Paul II, to assume an active role as the school's chaplain. He will be assisted in serving the school's spiritual needs by Deacon Greg LaFreniere. Fr Steve and Deacon Greg will be joined by other area religious and priests in ministering to the families and students of the school. Additionally, we will work closely with Sr. Jacqueline to make sure a plan is in place during this period of transition that will ensure all aspects of her position of Director of Mission Effectiveness will be fulfilled.

We are all grateful for the decades of education and care the Felician Sisters have bestowed on generations of students at St. Stan's. The key role the sisters have played in the school deserves to be celebrated. Information about events to recognize their century of service will be shared with the current school families, alumni, and parishioners as plans develop.

In the meantime, please join me in a prayer of thanksgiving for Sr. Jacqueline, her fellow teaching sisters, and the entire Order of St. Felix of Cantalice, who have dedicated their lives to the betterment of the children in their care.

With all God's blessings on your families,

(Most Rev.) Mitchell T. Rozanski

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