

BIO OF MRS. JENNIFER GARZIA

Mrs. Jennifer Garzia is thrilled to be joining the Holy Family School community on July 1, 2021! As a Catholic principal with a deep understanding of the intricacies of leading with faith through change and progress, she has successfully built-up school climate and culture while simultaneously creating positive involvement in school-wide improvement efforts.



A Minnesota native, Jennifer obtained a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Elementary Education from the College of Saint Benedict and a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership from The College of New Jersey. For the past 12 years she has dedicated her professional life to students, teachers, and stakeholders at Catholic and international schools in the US, Brazil and Italy. Having led in multicultural environments, she is well-versed in the demands of a variety of school settings. These experiences have honed her beliefs and capabilities around serving a community, effective communication, strategic improvement, meaningful involvement and a true focus on the heart of every school - its students.

With a foundation of nine years of teaching, she has developed a solid understanding of excellent instructional practices. As a principal, she has led faculty through professional development focused on implementing consistent research-based pedagogical practices in every classroom.

As a Catholic school leader, she believes in serving communities through strategic planning, relationship building, data-driven decision making, and fostering collective capacity to fully engage all stakeholders in school improvement efforts. These values she supports and builds through consistent communication and transparency which provide a foundation of trust that unites a school not only in improvement efforts and a common mission, but also as an entity that supports its individuals on their own paths to success. Over the past years, she has successfully navigated these avenues along with the changes brought on by the pandemic, including important stewardship decisions. She is called to continue her path in Catholic school administration as she aims to inspire closer relationships with Jesus Christ and offer her gifts to serve and improve Catholic education for the students, families, faculty and staff of Holy Family School.

Jennifer joins us from the Diocese of San Jose. At her current school, Saint Joseph School, Mountain View she serves a diverse group of Transitional Kindergarten through 8th grade students. Over the past two years, she has worked to build a strong community, deepen faith and strengthen the already excellent academic program.

With her husband Stefano and son Liam she will be moving to South Pasadena this summer. Outside of school, you can find Jennifer spending time with her family and being active. She is thrilled to join us and looks forward to getting to know each member of the community while furthering Holy Family School's mission to educate students and to achieve academic excellence while becoming disciples of Jesus Christ, and leading lives of faith, community, and service.