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Dear Friends & Family of the St. Ann Community,

I am so excited and blessed to have been chosen as your new Principal for the next school year. I have always been a life-long learner both in my educational pursuits and faith journey. I hope to bring this enthusiasm for learning to St. Ann as we work together to shape the hearts and minds of our young scholars. I attended Catholic School during my formative years, and I wholeheartedly believe the quality of my faith-based education propelled my overall success in life.

My husband and I are both teachers, and are devout in our Catholic faith. Each of us holds a Certificate from the Gary Diocese as Lay Ecclesiastical Ministers. Additionally, we currently serve as catechists teaching baptism classes and are active in the Church music ministry for many years at Our Lady of Guadalupe in Indiana. Our family consists of four daughters, and 14 grandchildren; so life can be pretty busy for the both of us.

My educational background includes an Ed.S. from Indiana State University, in Terra Haute, and a Juris Doctorate from Southern Illinois University, in Carbondale. I was an Alternative Education Teacher/Director at Gary Roosevelt High School for six and half years. I have also been an adjunct professor at Indiana University for the last 15 years. Additionally, I have taught an eight week summer K-8 academic enrichment program for the East Chicago Housing Authority for the last five years.

I am honored to have this opportunity to work with so many dedicated teachers, staff, parents, and outstanding students. As principal it is important that everyone who steps through the doors of St. Ann School is excited to be here. I have adopted a servant leadership style philosophy and I welcome your input. Please feel free to stop in, call, or email me to discuss any suggestions or concerns.

Thank you for this opportunity to grow, for it is in recognizing and respecting each other we as a community give “our” children the best education.

Yours in Christ,

Mrs. Eliza Gonzalez, Ed.S.