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**Father Fister**

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After much thought and prayer it is my honor to introduce to you the new principal of St. Mary School, Mrs. Miranda Chaplin. Mrs. Chaplin comes to us with a great many gifts which she has already shared with our community during her experience as a St. Mary School parent. Her husband, Ryan and three children are also a stable and competent presence in our parish community as well.

As an institution that is meant to equip our children for life at this time in our history, while entrusting to them the virtue and piety that they will need for a happy eternity we are often presented with conflicting models of pedagogy. As Catholics we know that our present crisis is not our first rodeo. After all if Jesus could endow our forefathers with the ingenuity that they needed to retain and hand-on The Faith through the persecutions of Diocletian, Julian the Apostate, Napoleon, Stalin, Mao, etc. He will likewise equip ourselves with every tool that we will need to bear witness to His message at this time. It is this loving opposition to the often competing and sometimes contradictory agendas of the world that serve as the necessary abrasive that every soul needs in order to become and remain both polished and sharp for service in the hands of Our Lord. My prayer is that with Mrs. Chaplin as my representative at St. Mary School we, with the help of God's grace, will continue to accomplish this noble task in our local community. I remain grateful for your patience during this difficult time. Know that you and your loved ones are in my thoughts and prayers, especially on this Feast of St. Joseph.

In Christ's Joy,  
Fr. Daniel Fister