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Archdiocesan 2018-2019 Distinguished Catholic School Administrator Announced

HARTFORD, Conn. (August 23, 2018) The Archdiocese of Hartford is pleased to announce that Fayne M. Molloy, principal of St. Paul School in Kensington, has been selected as the 2018 – 2019 Archdiocesan Distinguished Catholic School Administrator. News of the award was shared by Superintendent of Catholic Schools, Dr. Michael S. Griffin, at the August 23 Administrators Meeting.

Mrs. Molloy has served as principal of St. Paul School in Kensington since 2012. She has been a dedicated educator for almost forty years, serving in a variety of capacities including those in school leadership, student programming, curriculum design and implementation, staff supervision and professional development, and special education services. Her effective leadership has resulted in the highest enrollment rates within the last ten years at St. Paul, including a 5% increase between 2012 and the fall of 2017.

Said Superintendent Dr. Michael Griffin, “St. Paul School families see in Mrs. Molloy an unflagging commitment to providing every student with the highest quality of academic instruction while creating a school environment that calls them to develop their talents, and to serve Christ and others, now and throughout their lives.” Deputy Superintendent Mrs. Maria Maynard stated, “Following Fayne’s lead, St. Paul School teachers, staff and support personnel continually focus their efforts on the nurturing of each student’s potential, ensuring that the learning needs of all students are understood and that the curriculum effectively meets those needs.” A priority for Mrs. Molloy has been to provide teachers and staff with exceptional support and professional development, enabling them to improve programs, address educational challenges, and encourage every student to achieve excellence.

In its selection of Mrs. Molloy as the Distinguished Catholic School Administrator, the award committee noted that she has demonstrated a consistent dedication to improving the lives of students at all academic levels, helping them to believe in their own abilities and improving their

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educational experiences and outcomes. Mrs. Molloy's Catholic faith holds a central place of importance in her life, and she feels blessed to be able to integrate that faith daily into the academic programs she oversees.

Yet, it is not solely the St. Paul School students who have benefitted from Mrs. Molloy's gifts. Her contributions to the Archdiocese include service on PACE (Principals Advisory Committee for Elementary Schools), and the Curriculum Committee, and participation in New Principals Meetings and Archdiocesan Professional Learning Community Conversations. Her former Pastor, Rev. Robert Schlageter, OFM, has praised her "for being part of a team with me and the school board to bring about strong enrollment and academic excellence from teachers in their instruction and students in their performance."

When notified that she was the recipient of the Distinguished Catholic School Administrator Award, Mrs. Molloy stated "I am honored and grateful to receive this award, and I accept it on behalf of all of my principal colleagues who are indeed distinguished by their dedication to the students and staff of our Catholic schools. I also thank the Saint Paul School community for allowing me to serve their children in such a lasting and meaningful way." In announcing her selection, Superintendent Griffin stated that "Mrs. Molloy exemplifies all the traits of an exceptional Catholic school educator and administrator. Her commitment to the students, their needs and their achievement never falters. She unites this educational dedication with a deep faith that can only enrich the lives of her fortunate students. We are proud to acknowledge Fayne's many accomplishments with the 2018 – 2019 Archdiocesan Distinguished Catholic School Administrator Award."

Mrs. Molloy's previous positions include Teacher of Special Education (Terryville High School), Assistant Principal and Principal (Watertown High School), Director of Pupil Personnel Services (District of Berlin), Director of Special Programs and Director of Curriculum (District of Salem), among others. Her educational background includes a B.A. in Sociology from Boston University, a M.Ed. in Special Education from Rutgers University, and certification in Administration and Supervision from Central Connecticut State University.

Mrs. Molloy will be officially recognized with the award at the annual HOPES Dinner, to be held on September 25 at the Aqua Turf Club in Southington.

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