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New Principal Appointed to Advance Mission of John Cardinal O'Connor School

IRVINGTON, NY – The Superintendent of Schools Office for the Archdiocese of New York has appointed Mrs. Jennifer Iannazzo, M.Ed., as Principal of the John Cardinal O'Connor School, effective August 2026.

Mrs. Iannazzo brings more than 25 years of experience in education, including work in general education, special education, curriculum development, and instructional leadership. She holds dual master's degrees in elementary education and special education from Fordham University, where she specialized in literacy instruction, and a bachelor's degree in education and public policy from the University of Delaware.

She began her career as an elementary school teacher in the Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of New York before moving into special education at Mt. Pleasant Blythedale School. There, she focused on supporting students with diverse learning needs through individualized instruction.

Mrs. Iannazzo later worked in educational consulting with organizations including Lakeshore, Edgenuity, and Imagine Learning, where she designed curriculum and led professional development for schools across the country, with an emphasis on strengthening both general and special education programs.

She most recently served as Principal of St. Anthony School in Yonkers, leading a school community focused on academic achievement, inclusive practices, and family engagement.

"This appointment is especially meaningful as it allows Mrs. Iannazzo to more fully live out the mission for which she has been so thoughtfully formed," said Sr. Mary Grace Walsh, ASCJ, Ph.D., Superintendent of Schools for the Archdiocese of New York. "Her expertise in



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special education, instructional leadership, and student-centered learning will be a tremendous gift to the John Cardinal O'Connor School community.”

The John Cardinal O'Connor School serves students with learning differences and welcomes children of all faiths. The school provides specialized instruction through certified special education teachers using multisensory approaches in small-group settings. The program is designed to support students' academic progress as well as their social and emotional development.

Mrs. Iannazzo's background in special education aligns with the school's focus on serving students with diverse learning needs. She also brings a personal perspective as the parent of a child with special needs.

“I am confident that Mrs. Iannazzo's experience, formation, and commitment to Catholic education will inspire continued growth and excellence,” Sr. Mary Grace added. “We look forward to welcoming her to this important ministry.”

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The John Cardinal O'Connor School (JCOS), located in Irvington, NY, is a Catholic school serving students in grades K–8 with learning differences, including learning disabilities, and speech or language impairments. Through small class sizes and multisensory instruction, JCOS provides a language-based curriculum tailored to each child's needs. Rooted in Catholic values, the school fosters academic growth, communication skills, and confidence to prepare students for lifelong success. Families interested in enrollment can learn more and apply at: <https://johncardinaloconnorschool.org/apply-to-jcos>.