

PRINCIPALS

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excellence,” Gabriel said. “I look forward to working with a superior faculty, a dedicated administration, committed parents and a motivated student body. Together, I think all of us in the Ursuline community have a unique opportunity to make our faith not just something we profess, but something we practice on a daily basis.”



SALESIAN FATHER LOUIE KONOPELSKI, ARCHBISHOP SHAW HIGH SCHOOL, principal, hails

from Reading, Pa., and attended Bishop Hoban High School in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. He holds a bachelor’s in computer science and engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a master’s in computer science from the Johns Hopkins Institute of Technology. He served in the Air Force for four years in Washington, D.C., where he attained the rank of captain, and he taught with the Peace Corps for two years at St. Peter’s Technical High School in The Gambia, West Africa. Father Konopelski entered the New Rochelle Province of the Salesians of Don Bosco in 1992, earning two master’s degrees in education from Seton Hall University – one in mathematics education and the other in educational administration. He taught math, computers and theology at Salesian high schools in New Rochelle, N.Y.; Paterson, N.J.; and Ramsey, N.J. After studying in Guadalajara, Mexico, he was ordained a priest in 2002. In 2004, he was ap-

pointed assistant principal for academics at Don Bosco Preparatory High School in Ramsey, N.J.

“Although it would be difficult for anyone to step into this role after the amazing work done by Father Mike Conway, the people here are so friendly and supportive that the opportunities dwarf the challenges,” Father Konopelski said. “Following the method of St. John Bosco, I hope to continue to expand the strong family spirit already found at Archbishop Shaw High School. So many of the students here have been through so much. They deserve a school where the love of Christ can be found in a practical form, and where they can develop their intellectual, artistic, athletic and cultural gifts. Don Bosco wanted Salesian schools to prepare their students to be good Christians and good citizens.”

THOMAS G. MORAN JR., ARCHBISHOP RUMMEL HIGH SCHOOL, principal, holds a bachelor’s degree



in accounting from Loyola University New Orleans, mathematics certification from the University of New Orleans, and a master’s in educational administration from Our Lady of Holy Cross College. He is a certified public accountant and was a senior auditor with Deloitte & Touche for six years. His education career began in 1995 at Brother Martin High School, where he served first as a math and religion teacher, moderator of the Key Club and National Honor Society as well as baseball coach. In 1998, he was named assistant principal, serving in the disci-

pline and attendance office. From 2001-04, he served as director of student formation, an office developed to serve as a safety net for at-risk students to ensure that the religious mission of the school stayed strong. During his time at Brother Martin, he also served for four years as summer school principal. After Hurricane Katrina, Moran became principal of the Archbishop Chapelle Transition School, which served more than 420 students from throughout the metro area. In 2006, he joined the administration of Archbishop Rummel High School as financial aid program administrator, assisting in the creation and development of the school’s current financial aid and work study program. He also served as executive director for institutional development with primary responsibility for all school fund-raising activities. Moran served as interim dean of students during the second semester of the 2007-08

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