



# HOLY TRINITY

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Dear Members of the Holy Trinity Diocesan High School Community,

I am excited to embark on this new journey as the principal at Holy Trinity Diocesan High School. Allow me to take this opportunity to introduce myself and briefly share my educational philosophy.

As a proud product of Catholic schools from kindergarten through my post-graduate studies, I have long felt the call to direct my efforts towards ensuring that young adults have an opportunity to succeed in a robust academic environment rooted in the Gospel values. I am blessed to have been chosen to lead this community, as Holy Trinity is clearly such an institution - **a special Time, Place, and Spirit.**

Indeed, the **TIME** is critical - the numerous challenges presented by our current situation require a holistic approach to educating each unique individual - mind, body, and spirit, in order to lay the foundation for a successful and virtuous life. Protecting the health and safety of our school community is at the forefront of my mind as our administration works with the Diocese of Rockville Centre and various authorities to craft a responsible plan to resume instruction in September. I am acutely aware that our students will require support, affirmation, and understanding as they face the realities and challenges of a world that has changed so much in just a few short months.

I am quickly learning why Holy Trinity is a **PLACE** of which this community is so incredibly proud. In my brief time on Cherry Lane, I can tell that the strength of this school is its people. Our students remain eager and active participants in their own education - willing to ask the tough questions and enter into authentic dialogue in order to bring about positive outcomes. Their parents and families are invested in their education, committed to ensuring their success. Our faculty and staff worked tirelessly to make last spring's transition to remote learning as effective as possible and are continuing to hone their craft as we prepare to embrace new technologies and instructional strategies to best meet the current needs of the community. This great effort is being supported by the shoulders of our generous and loyal alumni and supporters, whose passion for keeping Holy Trinity vibrant and strong is remarkable.

It is the **SPIRIT** which drives all that we accomplish. Our excellence is based on the Catholic tradition and our commitment to preach the Gospel in all that we do. Faith at Holy Trinity is not confined to our chapel, but it lives and is exhibited in each individual who walks through our campus. I know firsthand that Catholic Education can be a powerful tool - an evangelizing force for transforming hearts and minds. Providing students with a faith-based value system encourages them to develop personal responsibility and accountability. Each of us has the opportunity to recognize Christ's presence in the world and reflect that presence to those we encounter.

My experience with Catholic education - as a student, instructor, and administrator - is among the most treasured blessings in my life. I am most grateful to answer the Lord's call here at Holy Trinity to bear witness to His grace through my work in the teaching of young people. I humbly ask that you keep me, and our entire school community, in your prayers as we continue this journey together.

Joy and Peace,

*Jim Grillo*

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