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New principal named for Holyoke Catholic High School

CHICOPEE – Michael S. Griffin, a long time Catholic educator and academic administrator from Connecticut has been named principal of Holyoke Catholic High School effective July 1.

Griffin will replace Sister of Saint Joseph Cornelia Roy who earlier this year announced her intention to step down after six years in that leadership position.

In naming him as principal, Diocesan Superintendent of Schools, Franciscan Sister of St. Joseph M. Andrea Ciszewski expressed gratitude for finding such a qualified candidate in Griffin.

“I can assure you he comes highly recommended,” she wrote in a letter to the Holyoke Catholic community. “We look forward to his stewardship of Holyoke Catholic for years to come.”

Griffin is a Rhode Island native who graduated from Providence College. He went on to receive his Masters in Religious Studies at St. Joseph College, West Hartford, Connecticut and his Doctorate in Educational Administration from the University of Connecticut at Storrs.

In 1979 he began a 26 year academic career at Northwest Catholic High School in West Hartford, CT beginning as a teacher and concluding with a nine year tenure as president of that school. He is currently serving as Director for Development and Planning at Sacred Heart Academy in Hamden, Connecticut.

Michael Griffin and his wife Linda have 2 adult daughters, Sarah and Amy.



Dr. Michael Griffin, newly named principal of HCHS, models the latest in fashion-his new Gaels Necktie