



# DIOCESE OF GRAND RAPIDS

OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS

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## Four Principals to Retire at School Year's End

*Following 135 years of combined service to Catholic school students, education*



**Sister Rosemary Smith, RSM:** Sister Rosemary has provided 47 years of service to Catholic school education. Forty-two of those years have been in the diocese of Grand Rapids. Sister has been principal at Assumption School in Belmont since 1988. Prior to this she served as assistant superintendent of schools, teacher, and principal in other Catholic schools including: St. Jean (Muskegon), and St. Francis Xavier (Grand Rapids).



**Mrs. Wendy Sipka:** Wendy Sipka has provided 37 years of service to Catholic school education in the diocese of Grand Rapids. She has been principal at St. Mary School in Spring Lake since 1999. Prior to this she spent 28 years as a teacher, and principal in Catholic schools in the diocese including: Immaculate Heart of Mary (Grand Rapids), St. James (Grand Rapids), St. Alphonsus (Grand Rapids), and St. Michael (Coopersville).



**Mrs. Nancy Kryger:** Nancy Kryger has provided 29 years of service to Catholic school education in the diocese of Grand Rapids. She has been principal at Holy Trinity School in Alpine Township since 1997. Prior to this she spent 18 years as a teacher and principal in the diocese including: Ss. Peter and Paul (Tonia), St. Alphonsus (Grand Rapids), and Ss. Peter and Paul (Grand Rapids).



**Mrs. Ann Rutowski:** Ann Rutowski has provided 22 years of service to Catholic school education in the diocese of Grand Rapids. She has been principal at St. Jude School since 2005. This past year she was also principal of Blessed Sacrament School. Prior to this she spent 19 years as a teacher and principal in the diocese including: St. Mary (Grand Rapids), St. Paul (Grand Rapids), and St. Joseph (Wright).