

Dear Annunciation Families,

I wanted to let you know that after 3 three years of being the Site Director and Kinderstart Lead Teacher at Annunciation's Discovery Center I will be moving locations next year to teach at the Discovery Center at St. Jude of the Lake in Mahtomedi. I have thoroughly enjoyed the last three years here at Annunciation. This is a vibrant community that I have been blessed to be a part of and I will miss all the children, families, friends, and staff I have worked with while here. I always felt welcomed and supported with helping hands available whenever I needed it.

While I have loved being a part of the Annunciation Community, the long drive from my home has become even longer due to increased traffic and construction and has caused many anxieties during my morning and evening commute. St. Jude of the Lake is my home parish and less than 15 minutes away from where I live. I will miss seeing all the children I have taught continue their learning and will miss all their younger siblings coming up to preschool, but I am looking forward to teaching preschool at the Discovery Center in my home parish community.

I am happy to announce that our current Lead Kinderstart Teacher, Mary Eilen, will be taking over as Site Director. She is excited for her new role and through prayer feels this is exactly what God has in store for her in her as an educator. Mary has been a Kinderstart Lead Teacher at Annunciation the past two years and is very familiar with our Discovery Center Program and the Annunciation Community. Mary and I look forward to working together in a new way as I will be visiting on occasion to work with her as she begins her role as Site Director.

Thank you all for your kind words, support, and hospitality these last three years. It is bittersweet to be leaving, but I am counting on having a wonderful end of the school year and VBS week before I head to my new position next fall.

"The Lord your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

God Bless,

Shannon Buncher



Mary Eilen, new Site Director