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Mrs. Teresa Pikar, History

After graduating Thomas More College 30 years ago, I taught 3rd and 4th grades at a couple of Diocesan schools. During that time, I married my husband, Dan, and began our family. One of my greatest treasures was home-educating my 4 children for 12 years. When my husband's job relocated us to Florida, I taught at our parish CCD program in Sarasota, Florida. We moved back to our hometown in 2013 and were blessed to join Saint Anthony Parish, where I shared the faith with the children of PREP for 5 years. I also taught PSR at Saint Augustine Parish. I enjoy music, art, and crafting.

Mrs. Hailey Kees, Art

This will be my 6th year teaching at SJA. I was the 2nd Grade teacher for my first 5 years and have moved to teaching Art this year. I attended SJA from 1st-8th grade and went on to Notre Dame Academy, Thomas More College, and received my Masters at University of the Cumberlands. I live in Independence, KY with my husband Matthew, my daughter Grace, and our two dogs Snoop and Maui. I have always enjoyed working at SJA because of the amazing families and staff, the supportive atmosphere, and the dedication to the Catholic Faith.

Sister Margaret Mary, SJW, Music

I have been teaching music at St. Joseph Academy since 1987. I received my B.M.Ed. in 1987 and M.M.Ed. in 1993 from Northern Kentucky University. I also received training in Kindermusik. In 2011-2012 I studied applied organ and Sacred Music at Ave Maria University. My areas of expertise encompass many facets of music education, such as, vocal, general music, piano, music theory, percussion, music appreciation and a variety of folk instruments. Besides being a full-time music educator, I also teach Fiber Arts after school.

Mr. Gregory Warner, History and Writing

I graduated from Thomas More College in 2017 with dual degrees in History and Secondary Education. I am currently applying to be a certified secondary social studies teacher in the State of Kentucky. During my time in the Thomas More teacher-preparation program, I observed and taught lessons at Bishop Brossard High School, Covington Latin and Lloyd Memorial High School. I was a student teacher at Notre Dame Academy in the spring of 2017, managing instruction for several sections of Geography and World Civilizations. After graduation, I volunteered for six months in the Republic of Ecuador, where I taught English to fifth and sixth graders at an urban school in the capital city, Quito. I enjoy studying how all the unifying themes of the liberal arts connect, and seek to pass this love on to my students.

Mrs. Terry Roessler, Literature

Having been very blessed, I am the mom of five grown children and 14 grandchildren. Home education became a way of life for us very early on when my oldest came home in the second grade. I considered this to be my calling and a way to impart the Catholic Faith, instill the Gospel of Life and protect my children's innocence. With God's grace and much diligence we were able to accomplish eight grades and have many memories of projects, field trips and fun family activities. Eventually there became a need for a more structured High School format, so Totus Tuus, Maria Homeschool Co-op was born. There I was founder along with a group of very dedicated teachers and parents. We emphasized the "Great Books," Church, World, and American Histories, Catechesis and the Sciences. There, I was privileged to teach Grade Nine Literature based on the Seton Model: Grammar, Literature and Writing. I loved opening the eyes of the students and exposing them to the insights and knowledge of those that went before them and who left behind these beautiful writings for them to explore. Our co-op was in existence for ten years, serving families from Kentucky, Indiana and Ohio.

I am currently working on a Certification in Catechesis from Franciscan University and serve as Coordinator of Religious Ed at Divine Mercy and St Bernard Parishes.

I understand and quote Saint John Paul II in stating "Since they have conferred life on their children, parents have the original, primary and inalienable right to educate them; hence they must be acknowledged as the first and foremost educators of their children."

I am happy to once again be an aid in helping parents achieve these goals for their children and hope that we can together enlighten them, nurture them and catechize them into the loving arms of Jesus.