

FIRST FACULTY ANNOUNCED

The Holy Spirit has been at work in many ways throughout the life of this project, and this was seen again as we sought to hire the first team of teachers and professionals to do the real work of building a Catholic high school from the ground up. We have been provided an impressive collection of women and men from our communities, who bring a great deal of experience to their work at JPII. Collectively, there are three 'doctors,' seven MA's, and as teachers, they average twelve years of experience in education. They all have been attracted to the school for the mission we have, and the great privilege of forming a school. We are pleased to be able to introduce them as the first faculty of John Paul II Catholic High School.

*Sarah Anderson, Paul Foster, Mary Ledford, Deacon Gorman,
Christina Kenney, Peggy Harkins, Laura Sullivan*

Sarah Anderson

Sarah Anderson graduated from Texas A&M University in 2004 with a Bachelors of Science in Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences. Upon completion of her degree, she accepted a position as a Biology and IPC instructor at Samuel Clemens High School in Schertz, where she taught for two years, earning her Texas teaching certificate. In the summer of 2006, she married and moved to Burlington, Iowa. For the past three years, she has taught at Notre Dame Jr./Sr. High School in Burlington. Her teaching experience at Notre Dame has included Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Environmental Science, and Physical Science. Along with her husband, she has sponsored a high school bible study group and served on their parish RCIA team. Mrs. Anderson will be teaching Biology and Tech I in the 2009-2010 school year.

Dr. Paul Foster

Dr. Foster received his BA in Government and International Relations from the University of Notre Dame, and his Ph.D. in Political Theory from the Catholic University of America. He has taught at the Heights School in Washington, DC as well as at George Washington University and Catholic University. Dr. Foster's other professional experiences include working as a staff writer at the White House during the Reagan Administration, as a program officer for the U.S. Department of Commerce, and as a counselor for a non-profit clinic in the Bronx. His writings have appeared in the *Review of Politics*, the *International Philosophical Quarterly*, *Chronicles*, and *Notre Dame Magazine*, among other publications. For the past year, Dr. Foster has been working as a lay volunteer for the Mission of Divine Mercy, a new Catholic religious community located near New Braunfels. Dr. Foster will be teaching English and Government in the 2009-2010 school year.

Mary Ledford

As a native of San Antonio, she began college at Incarnate Word, attended various colleges in Mississippi, Georgia, and Oklahoma during her husband's Air Force career, and earned Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in Latin and Latin Literature from the University of Oklahoma. Upon returning to settle in San Antonio, she did her educational certification courses at Trinity University, becoming certified to teach Latin and History. For the past 23 years, she has been a teacher in North East ISD, 21 of them at Roosevelt High School and the last 6 as the Department Head of Foreign Languages. She and her family have been active members of OLPH for the last 18 years. She has led Adult Scripture studies, served on ACTS retreats and ACTS Core, been a member of the Pastoral Council, and currently is a lector, Eucharistic minister, and member of the Liturgy and Art & Environment committees. Mrs. Ledford will be teaching Latin and Speech in the 2009-2010 school year, and will also moderate the yearbook.

Deacon Bob Gorman, Ph.D.

Robert F. Gorman is Professor of Political Science and International Studies at Texas State University, where he has served as National Endowment for Humanities Distinguished Teaching Professor. He is the author of numerous books and articles on international relations, international law and organization, refugee and asylum policy, ethics, patristic era philosophy and the history of ideas. A member of the Catholic Society of Social Scientists, he is currently editing a book entitled *Toward the Common Good: A Catholic Critique of the Discipline of Political Science*. He is a former Council on Foreign Relations Fellow, and has worked in the U.S. Department of State's Refugee Program Bureau and at Africare, an American nongovernmental organization. He has an undergraduate degree in political sci-

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ence from Seattle University, a Jesuit school, and an MA and Ph.D. in political science from the University of Oregon. He was ordained a deacon in 2000 for the Archdiocese of San Antonio and serves at Saints Peter and Paul Parish, where he specializes in catechetical and retreat ministries. His wife, Mary, is a Catholic School elementary teacher. They have three children and three (soon to be four) grandchildren. Deacon Gorman will be teaching Theology I in the 2009-2010 school year.

Dr. Christina Kenney

Dr. Christina Kenney is a magna cum laude graduate of Texas Tech University and earned a medical degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison Medical School. After embarking on a career in education, Dr. Kenney was a member of the faculty of the University of Wisconsin-Cooperative Extension Department of Family Development. Upon coming home to Texas, she became a certified high school teacher and taught high school science in Marion ISD for three years before taking time off to be a full-time mother to her two young children. Dr. Kenney has been married to Mr. Kevin Kenney for eleven years and has served as a music minister, lector, Eucharistic minister, CCD teacher, youth group advisor, and regular adorer of the Eucharist. She is currently a parishioner of Sts. Peter & Paul Parish in New Braunfels. Dr. Kenney will be teaching Algebra and Pre-AP Geometry in the 2009-2010 school year.

Peggy Harkins

Peggy Harkins has been a lifelong member of St. Pius X parish and graduated from Incarnate Word High School. She received a degree in Mathematics from the University of Dallas. She and her husband Dan, upon their graduation from UD, worked as administrators on the University's Rome campus for three years. They are rearing six children, all attending Catholic schools through college, and are very committed to Catholic education. Peggy has a Master's Degree in Education from U.T.S.A., and a recently completely Master's Degree in Theology from St. Mary's University. She has served as a catechist in her parish for more than 20 years. Mrs. Harkins will be the moderator of the small faith formation groups during the 2009-2010 school year.

Laura Sullivan

Ms. Sullivan has been actively involved in the application of funds management, contract negotiations, and strategic planning for 15 years. Prior to joining John Paul II, she was employed by the City of San Antonio as Fiscal Planning Manager with the Department of Community Initiatives. She has extensive knowledge in accounting principles and has managed multiple general fund, grant, and capital programs and

budgets of up to \$150 million. Ms. Sullivan has a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Southwest Texas State University (currently Texas State University) and attained Certified Public Manager and Certified Contracting Officer designations. Ms. Sullivan is a member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, is married with two children, is active in retreat ministries, leads a Cub Scout Pack, and serves as a Eucharistic Minister. Ms. Sullivan will be serving as the school's office and business manager.

We are currently finalizing our Spanish teacher and a part-time counselor. With those two additional staff members, and along with the principal, we will have ten faculty and staff members, serving in a variety of full and part-time capacities, to serve our students and parents in 2009-2010. Please keep these teachers in your prayers, that they may be given the strength and the peace to tackle the many challenges of the first year, that we as a community may be able to surround them with love and care to sustain their ministries with our young people.

JPII UNIFORMS

The school uniform for John Paul II Catholic High School is pictured below. Note that on Wednesdays for Mass each week, men will wear a white button down dress shirt and tie. School-Yard is our uniform provider.

