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Andrea Williamson named next principal of St. Michael Catholic High School

MOBILE, Ala. – The Archdiocese of Mobile Office of Catholic Schools has announced that Andrea Williamson has been named the next principal of St. Michael Catholic High School in Fairhope. She will assume her role for the 2023-24 school year.

Williamson has served as Assistant Principal for Student Life at John Paul II Catholic School in Ridgeland, S.C., since 2015.

“I have been blessed with the vocation of teaching in Catholic schools and I am honored to be chosen to take on the role of principal at St. Michael Catholic High School,” Williamson said. “Saint John Paul II told the young people of America to ‘listen to His voice. Do not be afraid. Open up your hearts to Christ.’ I remember hearing these words, from then-Pope John Paul II, as a young student in Catholic school challenging me to listen to His voice and this challenge has stayed with me ever since.

She added, “I too try to challenge students to not be afraid, to listen to His voice, to become the person that God wants us to be and with St. Michael by our side we will continue a culture centered in Christ where students live out the challenge to become saints. I am looking forward to joining the Catholic school community in Baldwin County and I am excited to be in a community that clearly supports Catholic education.”

Williamson has more than 20 years of education experience. She began her career as a social studies teacher with Fairbanks North Star Borough Schools in Fairbanks, Alaska, from 2001-09.

Williamson’s husband, John, is a retired member of the U.S. Army, and they have a 12-year-old daughter, Anna.

Along with serving in Catholic schools, Williamson is a product of Catholic education. She graduated from Lake Catholic High School in Mentor, Ohio, then earned a bachelor's degree in Education from Bowling Green State University in Ohio, a master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Missouri and an education specialist degree from St. Leo University in Florida.

Williamson is also a doctoral student at St. Leo and is expected to graduate in June 2023.

St. Michael Catholic High School has served Baldwin County since 2016 and includes grades 9-12.

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