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Fuller named director of educational leadership for diocesan Catholic Schools Office

The Catholic Schools Office of the Diocese of Erie has announced that Don Fuller has been named director of educational leadership. He comes to the position after having served as assistant principal and principal of St. George and principal of St. Luke schools within the Erie Catholic School System.

“I have watched Don grow in his leadership abilities over the past several years,” says Jim Gallagher, superintendent of schools for the Diocese of Erie. “His leadership style is calm and confident, and he has demonstrated his ability to improve the quality of education in the schools where he has served while gaining the trust of his co-workers. He will be a great fit for our team.”

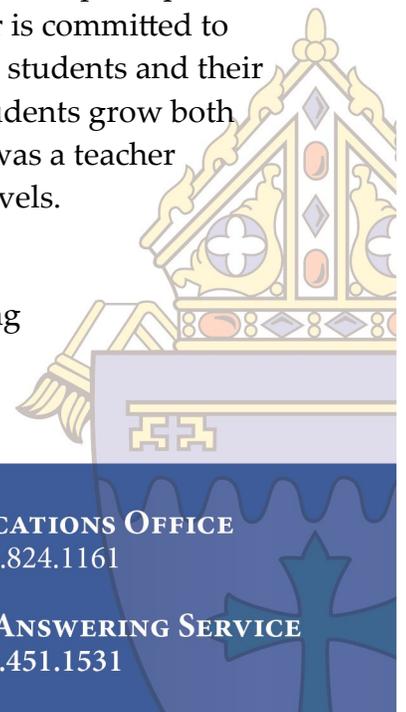
Fuller holds a BS in education from Youngstown State University and a master’s in curriculum and instruction from Gannon University, where he also earned his principal certification. With a track record of collaboration and partnerships, Fuller is committed to helping school staffs create a “positive climate and culture in which staff, students and their families feel a sense of community.” He also looks forward to helping students grow both academically and spiritually. Prior to his work in administration, Fuller was a teacher in the Youngstown, Ohio region at both the elementary and secondary levels.

The director of educational leadership is responsible for developing educational leaders at all levels for Catholic schools in the diocese. Fuller

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will work closely with Gallagher in setting high expectations, providing support and accountability. He will guide school administrators in the overall management and implementation of curriculum, instruction and assessment practices. He also will promote the development of both Catholic identity and academic achievement, and will support and uphold the philosophy of Catholic education and the mission and beliefs set forth by the Catholic Schools Office of the Diocese of Erie.

Fuller replaces Lisa Panighetti, who is returning to the Erie Catholic School System as vice president of academic affairs.

“Lisa will be missed, but we are excited for the leadership she will provide at Erie Catholic,” Gallagher said. “We are grateful for the significant work she has done to implement the curriculum lead program, the use of Map Growth Assessments and the revision of several curriculum areas, particularly mathematics and English language arts. I am heartened to see Don has already developed a plan to build upon Lisa’s work and keep the momentum moving forward.”

Gallagher also noted Fuller’s master’s was supported by the generous Gannon discount for Catholic school teachers and the Religious Education Enrichment Fund (REEF).

“This is a perfect example of why these grants and programs are so important,” he said. “We invested in Don, and he is paying us back by his service and leadership.”

A member of St. George Parish, Erie, Fuller and his wife, Kristina, live in Albion with their three children.

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