

Hello!

I wanted to introduce myself to all of you. I am Dr. Shari Ann McCarty. I was recently hired as the Principal/Director of the new All Saints Catholic School – Fremont. First, I will start on a quick personal note and then get to my vision for our new school. I live in Grattan, a small rural community between Belding, Rockford, and Lowell. My husband and I live on a lake with our three dogs (Willie, Newton, and Sully) while our grown children are scattered about Michigan and Virginia.



I have been a college professor at Aquinas College for the past 20 years in mathematics education, preparing future teachers how to teach. I am naturally enthusiastic, outgoing, tireless, and horrible with names. So keep introducing yourself; it isn't because I don't care.

Let's talk about my dream for the All Saints Catholic School – Fremont Campus. I have been a lifelong Catholic, but I have never experienced God's plan so strongly, boldly, and relentlessly as I did for accepting this job as your principal. Every day for the last 20 years pulling into Aquinas, I immediately felt peace, happiness, and God's presence in the beautiful nature and buzz of the college campus. And I felt that feeling even stronger pulling onto the campus of All Saints Catholic Church in Fremont! The potential to bring life and appreciation to the current building spaces and lush property is endless. Children playing outside, gardening, singing in the hallways, and parents conversing in the parking lot are what I see.

Opening a daycare, preschool, and eventual multi-age elementary school is a process. A process I intend to make open, transparent, and a part of the communities in the various parishes. I am already conscientious and appreciative of your parish's financial resources, as evidenced by my creative way of remaining at Aquinas until the school produces revenue. I pledge to value your resources as if they were my own, and I appreciate any time and talent you offer.

We have the opportunity to impact our entire community as we prepare children to seek and fulfill God's plan. We get to be difference-makers in the lives of entire families. You and I will bring more jobs, needed daycare opportunities, and regional Catholic education to Newaygo County! I ask you to help me fulfill the divine potential of our community children by modeling the love for Catholic education and its importance in developing godliness of character and actions. I cannot wait to immerse myself in your community and make this dream come true. As for me, this dream doesn't have an end, only a beginning – let's see where we go together.

