



**Sr. Cherree Power, C.R.  
President, Mother Seton Academy**



**Mrs. Kathleen Blazewicz  
Principal, Mother Seton Academy**

Dear School Families,

After much discussion, input, collaboration and consultation the Parishes of St. Aloysius and St. Veronica have listened and come to the conclusion that to fulfill our high goals and vision for Mother Seton Academy one person leadership isn't sufficient to achieve our goals for the Academy and our students. With every new beginning there are opportunities for excellence that can be grasped only with bold moves forward.

With this in mind, we have received the approval and blessing of the Office of Catholic Education of the Diocese of Trenton to announce today the creation of the President and Principal model for the Academy. This innovative choice gives us the best talents of two leaders carrying our Academy and its children into an environment of 21<sup>st</sup> Century education.

The President will oversee and promote the Academy in the areas of Catholicity, Religion Curriculum, Marketing, Development, Public Relations and Facilities. The President will be the public face of the Academy. There could be no better choice for President than Sr. Cherree Ann Power, C.R. with her 44 years of leadership in the world of Catholic

education. Sister has taught in various Dioceses in NY and in our Diocese; she has served as principal at St. Francis School, Newburg, NY and at St. Veronica School since 1992. Sr. Cherree has a Bachelor's Degree in Education, a Master's Degree in Education/Reading Specialist Certification, and Certification in School Administration and Supervision. She brings continuity and new vision. It was recently announced that Sr. Cherree will receive an award at the NCEA Convention in Chicago on April 24. Her strong vision of our Catholic faith and the commitment to put that faith into action in an educational environment will be recognized by *Today's Catholic Teacher*. Sr. Cherree is one of three nation-wide recipients to receive the award for Catholic Identity. We welcome Sr. Cherree in her new position as President of Mother Seton Academy.

The Principal shall have the sole responsibility to oversee curriculum and extra-curricular activities. The Principal will be responsible for the daily operations of the School and be the point of contact with Students, Teachers and Parents. The Principal will collaborate closely with the President to move forward the bold vision of the Academy.

We enthusiastically welcome the strong leadership skills of Mrs. Kathleen Blazewicz. Mrs. Blazewicz has served in Catholic education since 1979. She has worked as a teacher and vice-principal at Holy Family School in Lakewood and Principal of All Saints Regional Catholic School since 2015. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education/Special Education, a Master's Degree in Administration and Leadership, and a Certificate in School Business Administration. As Principal of All Saints she improved the ELEOT scores for AdvancED and achieved Certification for All Saints as a 2018 New Jersey Department of Education Future Ready School. This distinction has been achieved by public schools and only two Catholic schools in the state. She also introduced STEM/STREAM programs including extending technology from K-8<sup>th</sup> grade with an emphasis on robotics for middle school students. Additionally, she introduced into the school flex hours whereby students could chose a block of time to creatively pursue their own academic or extra- curricular goals. She is viewed as a creative and innovative principal. The Principal Selection Committee was unanimous in choosing her. She is a life-long learner who relishes new challenges and we thank her for accepting the challenge of a Principal of the New Academy.

The President –Principal model assures the long term growth of Mother Seton Academy and the talent of Sr. Cherree and Kathleen Blazewicz assures us the future is bright indeed!

Fr. Bambrick & Fr. Euk