

St. Mary's Campus Minister, Professional Development Consultant, and Director of Parent Relations/Special Events Honored

The Trustees, Faculty, Staff and Administration of St. Mary's are celebrating recent honors conferred on three talented members of the St. Mary's community.

Mrs. Andrea Alberti, St. Mary's Campus Minister, will be honored by the Office for the New Evangelization of Youth and Young Adults in the Archdiocese of Boston with their Companions on the Journey Award. The award is the highest recognition from the National Federation of Catholic Youth Ministry for a diocese to confer to adults who demonstrate excellence in youth ministry, commitment to ongoing education and formation, longevity in ministry, commitment to young people, and outstanding leadership at the diocesan level.

Mrs. Alberti, a member of the St. Mary's faculty since 2007 and campus minister since 2008, is well known throughout the Boston Archdiocese for her energetic ministry and irrepensible love for spreading the Good News to the countless young men and women whom she has accompanied on their spiritual journeys. Along with her ministry at St. Mary's, Mrs. Alberti is the longtime youth minister at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in Nahant. Since coming St. Mary's, Mrs. Alberti has established several popular programs for student faith formation including PB&J (Prayer, Bible and Jesus), a forum for lunch-time conversations on religion and spirituality, and an expansion of the "Hunger for Justice" program, a thirty hour "famine" during the Easter Triduum where participants go without food and technology, perform acts of Christian service, and grow in their personal and communal relationships with Jesus. This year nearly 300 young women and men throughout the Archdiocese, including over 150 from St. Mary's, participated in the successful and spiritually uplifting "Hunger for Justice".

Ms. Jill Dalfonso, Director of Parent Relations and Special Events, is the 2010 recipient of the Rising Star Award from the Association of Catholic Advancement and Admissions Professionals of New England (ACAAP). The award recognizes the accomplishments of a new advancement professional, 1-3 years of experience, whose early success promises future leadership and achievement.

Ms. Dalfonso has been a dynamic addition to the St. Mary's Advancement staff since arriving in the fall of 2008. During her brief tenure at St. Mary's, she has successfully spearheaded numerous well-attended and well-received special events, including the 2009 St. Mary's Hall of Fame, which set records for attendance and revenue. She is also responsible for the implementation of our first major parent fundraising event, Spartan Dollar\$, which realized nearly \$25,000, and parent participation in the Annual Fund has increased significantly since her arrival. In addition, she has played a key role in enhancing the St. Mary's online experience through our website and social networking communities like Facebook.

Dr. Ann McGreevy, Professional Development Consultant, will receive the Distinguished Alumni Award for Outstanding Achievement in the Field of Education from her alma mater, Worcester State College, at a ceremony on Thursday, May 6, 2010.

Dr. McGreevy joined the St. Mary's staff in 2005 and has successfully coordinated a number of initiatives to enhance the teacher's experience at St. Mary's. Thanks to Dr. McGreevy's leadership and commitment to teacher excellence, St. Mary's faculty have had the opportunity to experience a variety of professional development opportunities, including on-campus courses and seminars, increased opportunities for professional certification, and a deeper appreciation of the relationship between the Catholic faith and the academic experience. In 2009, Dr. McGreevy founded the Senior Project Experience at St. Mary's, where a select number of graduating seniors spend the fourth quarter working as professional interns for corporations and non-profit organizations throughout the Greater Boston area.

A Worcester native, Dr. McGreevy is an adjunct professor of education at Salem State College. She previously served as the director of graduate programs in gifted education, curriculum and instruction at Notre Dame College in Manchester, NH; an enrichment educator at the Pentucket Regional School District; and as classroom teacher in the Worcester Public Schools, where she also worked in gifted education.

Dr. Raymond Bastarache '65, Head of School, congratulated Mrs. Alberti, Ms. Dalfonso, and Dr. McGreevy on their well-deserved recognition, commenting, "We at St. Mary's are so fortunate to be enriched by the gifts and talents that Ann McGreevy, Andrea Alberti, and Jill Dalfonso bring to our school community everyday. They are committed to our students, steadfast in their shared Catholic faith, and bring great professionalism and enthusiasm to their work. We are blessed to have them here at St. Mary's."