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### **JIM GRILLO NAMED PRINCIPAL OF HOLY TRINITY DIOCESAN HIGH SCHOOL**



**ROCKVILLE CENTRE, NEW YORK – August 4, 2020** – The Diocese of Rockville Centre Department of Education has announced that Jim Grillo has been named principal of Holy Trinity Diocesan High School, Hicksville ([www.Holytrinityhs.org](http://www.Holytrinityhs.org)). Mr. Grillo brings 11 years of Catholic school leadership experience to the position and most recently served as Department Coordinator for Science, Fine Arts and Physical Education and the Co-Director of Athletics at his alma mater, Saint Edmund Preparatory High School, Brooklyn.

While at St. Edmund Prep, Mr. Grillo also taught classes in Sport and Exercise Science, Health Education, Sport Psychology, English, and Social Studies. Among the most rewarding and fulfilling experiences was Grillo's service as part of the school's Campus Ministry team, directing numerous retreat experiences and coordinating many of the school's service and outreach activities.

"Along with the entire Holy Trinity High School family, the Diocese of Rockville Centre expresses its sincere gratitude to Kathy Moran for her years of service, both as a teacher and as an administrator," said the Most Reverend John O. Barres, Bishop, Diocese of Rockville Centre. "May God bless Kathy and her family for her dedicated Gospel leadership and example to our students."

"We also welcome Jim Grillo as the new principal of Holy Trinity Diocesan High School. Mr. Grillo brings a passion for Catholic education, formation, evangelization and academic excellence. His professional background and years of service in the arena of professional, college and high school sports, will offer unique talents in service to the students. With a deep love for Jesus Christ and a passion for the truths of our Catholic faith, Mr. Grillo is committed to advancing enrollment, marketing retention, philanthropic gifts to sustain and enhance the mission of Holy Trinity High School and a deep spirit of charitable service and attention to our students, families, faculty, staff and alumni. The Diocese joins the students, families, faculty and staff of Holy Trinity in prayerfully supporting Mr. Grillo as he builds upon our legacy of excellence and commitment to our Catholic faith."

"I am pleased to welcome Mr. Grillo as principal of Holy Trinity Diocesan High School," said Kathleen Walsh, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools. "He brings with him an array of skills that



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will add to the success of Holy Trinity. I am confident that his passion for our faith and commitment to education will become evident to all. Welcome to our newest Titan!”

Mr. Grillo is a product of Catholic education from kindergarten through Graduate school (except his first Masters): St. Jude Elementary School - now known as Our Lady of Trust Catholic Academy (Canarsie, Brooklyn, NY); St. Edmund Preparatory High School (Sheepshead Bay, Brooklyn, NY) St. Francis College - BS (Brooklyn Heights, Brooklyn, NY) CUNY-Brooklyn College: Master of Science in Kinesiology - Sport Management Concentration; Fordham University: Master of Science in Education Administration and Supervision, where he was a part of the Catholic School Leadership Cohort.

“This is an exciting time for me both personally and professionally, as I begin my journey as the principal of Holy Trinity Diocesan High School,” said Grillo. “I know from my own experience that Catholic Education can be a powerful tool – an evangelizing force for transforming hearts and minds. I am most grateful to Bishop Barres and Superintendent Walsh for placing their trust in me at this most critical time and am eager to begin working with the tremendous team of educators at Holy Trinity Diocesan High School.”

Involvement in athletics has been a major component in Mr. Grillo’s life. He was a student-athlete throughout high school and worked with the Athletic Department in various capacities while a student at St. Francis College. He served the Catholic High School Athletic Association of the Diocese of Brooklyn as the Baseball chairperson. Mr. Grillo was a clock operator for NBA and NCAA games at Barclays Center and has a lengthy resume working in the field of athletic administration at both the collegiate and professional levels. Mr. Grillo has also umpired professional baseball for 13 seasons in the Can-Am League, the American Association, and the Atlantic League. He has served on the umpiring staffs for numerous NCAA Division I Conferences, including the Patriot League, the America East, the MAAC, and the Ivy League. He also umpired games in 37 states and three Canadian provinces and remains involved in the training and development of baseball umpires throughout the northeast. He officiated NCAA Women’s Basketball for eight seasons at the Division II and Division III levels and currently serves as an observer of officials for several collegiate conferences. Grillo serves as the president of MAGBO (Metropolitan Approved Girls Basketball Officials, Inc.), which is an organization dedicated to educating and providing opportunities for basketball officials throughout the New York area.

“Holy Trinity has a long and successful history – it continues to be a community of vibrant Catholic Faith, robust academic excellence, and strong school spirit,” said Grillo. “The extracurricular activities, especially the school’s athletic and performing arts programs, give students opportunities to use their God-given talents in exciting ways. I am looking forward to meeting the students and their families, interacting with proud Titan alum, and learning firsthand what it means to be ‘Once a Titan, always a Titan!’”



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