

# **New Harford County Public Schools superintendent a Mount St. Mary's, Loyola alumna**

## **By Catholic Review Staff**

Barbara P. Canavan, a graduate of Mount St. Mary's University in Emmitsburg and Loyola University Maryland in Baltimore, was named superintendent of Harford County Public Schools Feb. 24 by the Board of Education.

Her four-year term will begin July 1.

Canavan is the Board of Education's secretary-treasurer and interim superintendent of schools. Last May she was named interim superintendent, effective July 1, 2013, for a one-year term.

She earned a bachelor's in English literature from Mount St. Mary's University, a master's in middle school education from Columbia University Teachers College in New York and a master's equivalency in administration and supervision from Loyola University Maryland.

"I am deeply honored to be presented with the privilege of serving the students and the Harford County Public School community," Canavan said in a statement. "I will work diligently to foster a culture of mutual trust and respect among all constituents and community leaders. I vow never to lose sight of the fact that each and every decision, no matter how small, is integral to creating a legacy of opportunity for our children."

Canavan's career as an educator began in 1970 at Sacred Heart School in Brooklyn, N.Y.

She taught at Aberdeen Middle School from 1973 to 1978; served as assistant principal of Edgewood Middle School from 1978 to 1983; assistant principal of Magnolia Middle School in Joppa from 1983 to 1989; assistant principal of Southampton Middle School in Bel Air from 1989 to 1991; and principal of Southampton Middle from 1991 to 2010. In 2010 she was named executive director of middle school performance.

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