

Hello! I am Deb Euteneuer, also known as Mrs. E, and have had the privilege of being the principal of St. Francis of the Lakes Catholic School since Fall of 2000. I attended a K-12 school in Redwood Falls, Minnesota where I was born and raised. I attended St. Benedict's College after graduation for two years, left to "find myself", moved to Minneapolis and worked for a year. I volunteered in many elementary schools as an aide. I have always had a love for children and used to wonder how I could incorporate this love into my life. After one year of working, I enrolled in the University of Minnesota and graduated fall of 1979. I worked for several years in Waterloo Iowa as a teacher. In 1982, I started and operated a Montessori Preschool.

Fall of 1992, I was hired as the Early Childhood Director at Nay Ah Shing Abinoojiiyag School on the Mille Lacs Reservation. I opened the child care center and ran Head Start, Early Childhood Family Education, and a parenting support group for eight years. I started my Master's in Education and Curriculum in 1998 and completed it in 1999. Next, I completed my principal and superintendent license in 2000.

My husband and I love to ballroom dance, play with our grandchildren and are active members of St. Andrew's Catholic Church. We founded the Lakes Area Dance Club to help others learn about and enjoy ballroom dancing.

I started my new vocation as principal the fall of 2000. The teachers started with an open house that night. It was quite a whirlwind but worth all the confusion. God has nurtured my faith and my vocation throughout the years. My proudest moment is when I see the children of our school clamoring to help others and to be a part of the liturgy of the Mass. I am truly blessed to be a part of this wonderful family we call St. Francis of the Lakes Catholic School.