

## Meet your OCS Team...

### **Rosemarie Burrill**

Rosemarie Burrill is the **Administrative Assistant** for the Office of Catholic Schools. She started this position in January 2020.

Before joining the OCS, Rosemarie served as the Director of Operations/Finance for the Kelly Cares Foundation in South Bend, IN. While at the foundation, she was responsible for developing community relationships, event planning and operations, grant procurement and disbursement, and management of the KCF office. She also served as Secretary for The Board of Directors. She loved working for the foundation as they supported cancer and education initiatives.

Prior to her work at the Kelly Cares Foundation, Rosemarie was a special education teacher/consultant for over 20 years. She worked with public and catholic schools within their Intermediate School District. She continues to have a passion for working with kids and helping them to be their best version of themselves.

Rosemarie graduated from Western Michigan University with a B.S. in Education with a Major in Special Education (Learning Disabilities/Emotionally Impaired), a minor in Social Sciences and a M.A. in Administration with an emphasis in Sports/Education.

Rosemarie relocated from Michigan to Virginia in January of 2019 with her husband for his new career with their Lab/Hound dog Sadie. She and her husband, Joe, have three adult children. They are parishioners at St. Joseph Church in Petersburg and live in Chesterfield.

### **Jennifer Bigelow**

Jennifer Bigelow serves as **Associate Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction** in the Office of Catholic Schools. She has over 20 years of experience in Catholic education. Jennifer has previously served as a Catholic diocesan superintendent, Catholic school principal, and Catholic school teacher. She began her teaching career in public education as a Social Studies teacher in Florida. Jennifer transitioned to teaching at her alma mater in Tampa in 2000 and served as the K-12 Director of Curriculum and Instruction and Principal there before leaving for Raleigh, North Carolina. In the Diocese of Raleigh, she served as a principal of The Franciscan School with an enrollment of over 700 students. Jennifer became the Superintendent for Catholic schools of the Diocese of Arlington in 2016 and served there for three years. As part of her work in Arlington, she served as co-chair of the Diocesan Schools Task Force for Safety. Jennifer is also an Executive Coach and Trainer for Resilient Leadership. Jennifer graduated from the North Carolina State University with her doctorate degree in Educational Leadership in 2017. Her dissertation research focused on the Retention and Attrition of Catholic School Elementary Principals. Jennifer has enjoyed her transition to Richmond and loves her work in curriculum as well as professional development support for our teachers and administrators.

### **Natasha Feher**

Natasha Feher is the **Data Coordinator** for the Office of Catholic Schools. She has been with the diocese since August of 2016. She graduated from Franciscan University of Steubenville with a Bachelor of Arts degree in History and Theology. She has worked in catholic education for most of her career, working in Franciscan University's Residence Life as a "roommate match maker" and then at a catholic high school where she implemented RenWeb (FACTS SIS) for the high school and their K-8 feeder schools. She moved to Richmond in 2012 with her husband, Steve, and three children: Casey graduated from Virginia Tech (Go Hokies!) in May 2019, Alexander is a third at Virginia Military institute (RahVaMil!) and Nicholas is a junior in high school.

### **Ray Honeycutt**

Ray Honeycutt currently serves the Catholic Diocese of Richmond as the **Continuous Improvement Coordinator**. He is the retired Superintendent of Schools in the Catholic Diocese of Richmond, Office of Catholic Schools; a position he held from August 2016 to June 2019. Prior to that he worked one year as Associate Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction with the diocese. Ray has 11 years of Catholic school experience; five at the diocesan level and six as principal of Saint Bridget Catholic School. Before coming to Catholic schools, Ray worked 35 years in public K-12 education in positions including: teacher, school counselor, principal and central office administrator. He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Virginia Tech and a Master of Education from Virginia Commonwealth University in School Counseling and Administration/Supervision.

### **Kelly Lazzara**

Kelly Lazzara is a proud product of Catholic education from elementary school, to high school, and even into college. She received a BA in Communications – English with a minor in marketing from Gannon University and her master's in education from Seton Hill University, both Catholic universities in Pennsylvania. For 10 years in the Diocese of Greensburg, PA, she worked as a teacher, Development Director, then Principal at Aquinas Academy (PK-8), as well as the Junior High Principal and Senior High Assistant Principal at Greensburg Central Junior-Senior High School. From there she served as the Principal of Vincentian Academy in the Diocese of Pittsburgh, PA.

After moving to Virginia, Mrs. Lazzara joined the Diocese of Richmond. She served as the elementary school principal at Star of the Sea Catholic School in Virginia Beach for two years before accepting the position as Associate Superintendent of School Operations in the Office of Catholic Schools. She accepted her current position as **Superintendent of Schools** in July 2019.

Mrs. Lazzara's vision for Catholic education is to strengthen our Catholic Schools so that all students can receive an exceptional faith-based Catholic education that will allow them to excel both academically and spiritually. Our students are our future and they deserve a solid foundation to succeed and live a faith-filled life.

### **Betsy Looney**

Betsy Looney, RN, BSN, NCSN, is the part-time **School Nurse Coordinator** for the Office of Catholic Schools. She started this position in August 2020. Betsy has school nursing experience in grades PK-12. She has over 20 years of experience in the Richmond Diocese as a school nurse at St. Gregory the Great Catholic School in Virginia Beach. Betsy was chosen by the National Association of School Nurses as the 2020 Outstanding Private, Independent, Parochial School Nurse, and was also recognized as the 2020 Virginia Private School Nurse of the Year. Throughout the summer of 2020, Betsy volunteered to help school nurses in the Diocese prepare for the upcoming year.

Outside of the school setting, Betsy speaks at conferences about heart health and food allergies. She also serves as a gymnastics judge for the Virginia High School League and as the President of the Tidewater Gymnastics Association.

Betsy earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the Pennsylvania State University where she was Captain of the gymnastics team. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Norfolk State University and is a National Certified School Nurse. Betsy has three children, all who attended Richmond Diocese schools; her youngest is a sophomore at the University of Notre Dame where her daughter also works. Her older son, a Lieutenant in the Navy, and her husband are both graduates of Notre Dame.

## **Pamela Wray**

In June 2018, Pamela joined the Office of Catholic Schools team in a new role as the **Enrollment Management Coordinator**. She works closely with schools to provide admissions and marketing support to enhance student retention and enrollment growth. Serving as the Segura Initiative Coordinator combines her passion for strengthening school communities and creating opportunities for Catholic education for all.

She brings 18 years of admissions and development experience working with Catholic and private schools in the Richmond area. Most recently, serving as the Admissions and Development Director at Saint Joseph Catholic School and Saint Bridget Catholic School. Prior to starting her admissions career, Pamela was a Human Resources and Training Consultant for organizations in the utility, non-profit and customer service industries.

Pamela earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from Randolph-Macon College. She has two daughters who attended Catholic schools before continuing the family tradition at R-MC.