



# *Our Lady of Consolation*

## **CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

**4865 11 Mile Rd NE Rockford, MI 49341**

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Dear Families,

I write today to share the news that I have decided to retire at the end of the 2024-2025 school year. I am leaving OLC after twenty one years as principal.

I have been blessed to partner with hundreds of families in Catholic education. I have had the privilege to work with amazing teachers who put their heart and soul into their students everyday. I have worked side by side with wonderful administrative assistants and support staff who are dedicated to serving our school. I am grateful for our Board of Directors for their advice and support. I have been supported and encouraged by several pastors and priests over the years. I want to thank Fr. Tom Page, Fr. Tony Russo and Fr. Dominic Couturier for their faith and trust in me as an administrator. I have seen and felt the prayers and support from the parish. For all of this, I am eternally grateful.

I am lucky to have worked with many diocesan administrators, both past and present, who showed me what servant leadership really looks like. I have learned from you, I have been supported by you and I have been inspired by you.

I am deeply proud of all the work that we have accomplished here at Our Lady of Consolation School over the past twenty one years. We have an amazing village of people to care for and support the students of Our Lady. Teachers, support staff and parents all working together to support our mission and get these kids to heaven.

Fr. Dom will work with the staff and School Board to begin a search committee for the next principal. You will be updated as progress is made.

What's next for Mr. Varner? - That's a great question. I am excited to see where God will lead me next. Our Lady of Consolation will forever hold a special place in my heart. Please pray for me as I discern what the next chapter will look like as I will continue to pray for the continued safety and success of everyone at OLC.

Sincerely,  
Mr. Kevin Varner