



Archdiocese of Birmingham

Diocesan Education Service

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Dear Colleagues in Catholic education

I am writing to inform you that at the beginning of October, I will be stepping down from my role as Director of the Diocesan Education Service. I will also be leaving my position as Parish Priest of St. John Vianney, Coventry to take up a new responsibility as Parish Priest of Sacred Heart and Holy Souls, Acocks Green, Birmingham.

Working in Catholic education has been part of my daily life as a priest for over 24 years and it has been a real privilege to make a small contribution to the mission of our Catholic schools. I have enjoyed working alongside many dedicated and gifted school leaders, teachers and governors in the different roles that I have held. I wish to express my sincere thanks to so many people across the Diocese who make a fine contribution to the work of Catholic education.

Over these past seven years I have thoroughly enjoyed forming and leading the Diocesan Education Service. I am most grateful to the DES team for their loyalty and dedication in support of securing, protecting and improving Catholic education as we strive to announce the gospel and make Christ known today. So much has been achieved over these years. The DES is in a strong position to support our schools across the Diocese and is working closely with you to implement our Diocesan education policy to safeguard the work of Catholic education for many years to come. I know that you will continue to support the DES team in all they strive to do for you.

I will continue to be involved in the work of Catholic education, through regular contact with and support for the DES team in my role as one of the trustees of the Diocese and as a link trustee to the DES. I will serve as a member of the Education Sub Committee of Diocesan Trustees and will chair the meetings of the Trustees Academy Strategy Board which oversees the implementation of the Diocesan Academy Strategy.

With my thanks for your kindness and support. I offer you my prayers and good wishes.

Yours sincerely

Fr. Jonathan Veasey
Director
Diocesan Education Service