

## **Profiles in Mercy: Sisters Academy Teachers & Staff**



**Teachers and Staff of Sisters Academy of New Jersey**Top left to right: Mr. Tom Bugliaro, Mrs. Mercedes Carmona, Mrs. Gabrielle Fallon, Mrs. Janet Fischer, Mrs. Jane Guadagno Bottom left to right: Mr. Kevin Kelly, Sister Diane Matera, Ms. Danna Morson, Mrs. Sandy Stankovics, Mrs. Kristin Villani

This month, we honor the teachers and staff of Sisters Academy of New Jersey (SANJ). While the building is closed due to Covid-19, the Academy has been in session since March.

The teachers and staff of the Academy have worked tirelessly to adapt to this new method of on-line learning and professional development days have been provided to help them. The Academy parents have also been very cooperative and supportive. To address the social and emotional needs of our students, special group sessions and private individual contact via remote platforms have been instituted with our Director of Social Services.

As a result, the Academy has had 100% class attendance! We are so proud of our students! This speaks volumes to the resiliency and perseverance of our girls. It also is a tribute to the dedication and persistence of the staff and faculty.

Our cleaning and cafeteria staff have also been working. The Academy is cleaned daily using CDC and EPA approved procedures and disinfectant and sanitation products are used. Our cafeteria staff have been fully engaged in the distribution of food at Mercy Center. Sisters Academy has never stopped!

Furthermore, as a program of Mercy Center, all Sisters Academy students and families have access to all of our wrap-around services such as food, emergency housing assistance, counseling and advocacy. This has helped to address the emotional and financial issues caused by Covid-19.

The Academy's already unique educational experience has taken on a new format and will continue with the blend of in school and on-line learning until we are safe from the effects of Covid-19. The educational experience will be different for a while. What remains fully steadfast and unwavering is the devotion and dedication of the faculty and staff of Sisters Academy of New Jersey as they continue to provide an education of excellence.

We thank all of the teachers and staff of Sisters Academy for their commitment to each student and for the passion they bring to the profession of education each day.

<u>Click here</u> for more information on Sisters Academy. The Academy is accepting applications for the 2020-2021 school year. <u>Full</u> scholarships are available.