

I was born and raised in New York, but have called Virginia my home for many years now. I was blessed with a Catholic education for 16 years, and then earned my master's degree at Yale University. I have a specialization in Advanced Practice Pediatrics and Child Development. Working with children is my passion. For as long as I can remember, I have always enjoyed teaching. While in college, I tutored school-age ESL students in Math and English, and prepared 8<sup>th</sup> grade honor students for the NYS Regents Exam. I was privileged to have held associate faculty positions at several universities for 16 years, alongside my clinical practice.

Throughout my career, I have advocated for children at the city, state, and national levels, for improved healthcare, housing, and education. I have had the honor of collaborating in the development of more comprehensive laws protecting children. In every position I have held, over the past 42 years, precepting, mentoring, and teaching have brought me the greatest joy and personal satisfaction (saving lives goes without saying). Today, like years ago, I am being called by life circumstance and by God, to return to Catholic elementary education. I had thoroughly enjoyed teaching the third grade at Saint William of York Catholic School, and I am very much looking forward to teaching at Holy Cross Academy. I am especially excited about sharing my Catholic faith, and watching the children grow to love theirs more.