

Letter of Recommendation

To: Whom It May Concern

My name is Paul Begeman and I am writing this Letter or Recommendation for Elizabeth Gurney as part of her application to become Head of School for Roanoke Catholic School. I have known Elizabeth for over five years and have worked with her in one capacity or another for over three years. Elizabeth is an outstanding candidate for Head of School at Roanoke Catholic.

First and foremost, Elizabeth is a devout Catholic who truly lives her faith. She will encourage students, staff and faculty to live out their Catholic faith by providing a great example for them. She will ensure that the school fulfills its mission statement of educating the whole person by blending learning with faith and faith with daily life.

She has the knowledge and skill sets to best meet the needs of Roanoke Catholic students and parents. As a mother of four children ranging in age from elementary school to high school, Elizabeth knows what students need at each level of their education, and as a parent of children who attended Roanoke Catholic, she will be able to address any concerns that parents may have.

Her teaching ability and knowledge of teaching methods is top notch. She has taught in both public and private schools and thus will be able to bring the best of both of these approaches to her work at Roanoke Catholic. Her recent time at Roanoke Catholic will provide her with instant credibility to all stakeholders at the school.

In addition to her teaching ability Elizabeth is an outstanding leader. I currently work as one of Elizabeth's small group instructors for the Middle School Program at Our Lady of Nazareth. She has a calm professional demeanor which inspires confidence in those who work for her. People perform at their best to meet her expectations. She is able to critique without being overly critical. Her knowledge of methods of instruction allows her to point out the best method to implement for each particular student, situation, and instructor. She is willing to go out of her way to help us prepare for the class. The small group instructors are a varied group and each have our own different style. She embraces that and encourages us to teach using the methods that work best for us.

Finally, in view of the circumstances involved in the replacement of the administration of Roanoke Catholic, Elizabeth would be able to heal any rifts that might have arisen. She is respected by parents, students, staff and faculty. She would provide instant credibility to the administration and would immediately set the school on a path to faith filled academic excellence. I was a teacher at Roanoke Catholic for over 15 years and can honestly say that Elizabeth is one of the best teachers and leaders with whom I have worked. She would be an asset for any program and has my unreserved recommendation as Head of School.

Best Regards,

Paul J. Begeman