Meet Jennifer Raes, administrator at St. Anthony Catholic School -- the only Two-Way Language Immersion School in the Diocese of Des Moines. Raes grew up in Urbandale, Iowa and is the product of Catholic education having attended St. Pius X Catholic School and Dowling Catholic High School.

She earned her Bachelor's Degree in Education with a middle school endorsement and minor in mathematics from the University of Northern Iowa. Raes also earned an endorsement in coaching from Drake University. She continued her education and earned a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership from St. Ambrose University in 2003.

She began her career in education at St. Pius X Catholic School where she served as a middle school math teacher for 20 years and as an assistant principal for three years. She spent six years as the assistant principal at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School before joining the team at St. Anthony Catholic School in 2018.

"The St. Anthony staff and families have been so welcoming to me. I have been here just a little over two years and I feel like such a part of the community," shared Raes. "I love to walk the halls and enter the classrooms hearing Spanish and English spoken – what a gift to all of us."

Raes is the proud mother of two sons, Conner and Sam, who also attended both St. Pius X Catholic School and Dowling Catholic High School. When she's not at work, her favorite activities include time with family, volunteering with A Heinz, playing with the family dogs, reading and watching sports.