Meet Ann Andersen

Meet Ann Andersen, administrator at Shelby County Catholic School in Harlan, IA. Andersen brings more than 28 years of educational expertise to her role as school administrator. She earned an Associate Degree in Business from Iowa Western Community College, a Bachelor Degree in Education from Buena Vista University, a Master Degree in Effective Education with a Reading Coach concentration from Drake, and a Specialist Degree in Educational Leadership from Drake.

She began her educational career as a 6-8th grade mathematics teacher at Shelby County Catholic School's St. Joseph's Center in Earling, IA. She later transferred to the St. Michael's Center in Harlan where she taught in a variety of classrooms ranging from 2nd - 6th grade. While at St. Michael's Center, Andersen coordinated religious education for St. Michael Parish and taught 2nd-grade religious education and sacramental preparation, and also served as the summer Bible School coordinator.

"I am the youngest of nine children and grew up on a farm in Portsmouth, Iowa. I've been a Shelby County girl all my life and graduated from Harlan High School. I love the rural life," shared Andersen.

Andersen and her husband are the proud parents of a son and a daughter. "Both of my children have made me very proud, not only as Catholic school graduates but also for their very successful military careers," shared Andersen. The couple also has five grandsons that they adore.

When she is not at school, Andersen enjoys spending time with her family, babysitting her grandsons, visiting parks, and attending sports events.

