

New principal named for Nativity Prep

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WILMINGTON — Father Joseph DiMauro, associate dean of students at DeSales



University for the past three years, has been named principal of Nativity Preparatory School.

He will succeed Nativity's founding principal, Brother Ed Ogden, who will become formation director for the Wilmington-Philadelphia Province, Oblates of St. Francis de Sales, said Father Richard DeLillio, Nativity's president.

Father DiMauro, 62, a 1963 graduate of Salesianum School, will take charge on June 13, the day after this year's eighth-grade class graduates, Father DeLillio said.

Nativity Prep is a tuition-free middle school for boys opened in 2003 by the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales. Students have extended school days and an extended school

year that includes a summer program.

Forty-one boys attend Nativity this year. Next year, Father DeLillio projects enrollment at 47.

Father DiMauro grew up in Wilmington Manor and graduated from Our Lady of Fatima grade school in New Castle. He earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Delaware, Newark, in 1970; a master's in education from Villanova (Pa.) University, 1974; a master's from DeSales Hall School of Theology, Washington, D.C., 1976; and a doctorate in education administration from Temple University, Philadelphia, 2001.

He joined the Oblates in 1967 and was ordained a priest in 1973. He taught theology at Salesianum, 1984-85, and was principal of Father Lopez High School, Daytona Beach, Fla., 1988-90, and of Father Judge, Philadelphia, 1990-96.

He had been an adjunct faculty member and staff member of Allentown College of St. Francis de Sales, as DeSales was previously called, from 1985-88 and returned to the university in Center Valley, Pa., in 1996.

He worked seven years in DeSales' education department before becoming assistant dean of students.