

## **Sr. Ellen Convey, IHM** **Principal, Gesu School**

Sr. Ellen Convey, IHM, has been the Principal at Gesu School since 1990. One trustee aptly describes Sr. Ellen's critical role at Gesu in just two words — "the GLUE." Sr. Ellen began her career in education at the age of 20, as a 4th grade teacher at an inner-city parochial school in Philadelphia. She later taught in elementary schools in Somerville, New Jersey; Athens, Georgia; and Reading, Pennsylvania. She has a B.A. from Immaculata University and an M.A. in Religious Studies from St. Charles Borromeo Seminary.

During her career, Sr. Ellen has received a number of awards, including the inaugural Robert Molyneux, S.J., Award from the Center for Catholic and Urban Education at Saint Joseph's University in 2013 for making "exceptional advances in innovation and efficacy for Catholic schools — capturing the essence of the *magis* — to do something of deeper worth, in the current moment, for the greater need." The Please Touch Museum presented Sr. Ellen with the Great Friend to Kids Award for Education in 2001, and in 2004 she was the first recipient of the Sherrerd Excellence in Teaching Award. The Catholic Historical Society honored her, along with Fr. George Bur and Winston J. Churchill, with the Barry Award, in November 2006, for their enthusiastic dedication to Gesu School.