

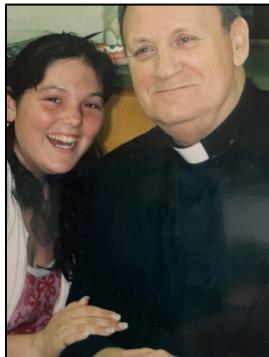
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My unique and varied experiences and perspectives of Workshop Way® and St. Martin of Tours Academy have significantly shaped my career in education. I attended SMA from 1990-1999, where I met two of my lifelong best friends and developed countless relationships—these formative years at SMA laid the foundation for my educational pursuits and career. I graduated from San Diego State University with a Bachelor's in Child and Family Development. I obtained my teaching credential and served at St. Martin of Tours Academy as a 4th-grade teacher from 2009-2014 and parent from 2010-2014.



I am deeply grateful for the opportunities that have shaped my career. Currently serving as Vice Principal in the largest K-8th school district in the state, I am also working toward my Doctorate in Educational Administration (EdD) through Concordia University, Irvine. My recent research trip to DC to analyze education policy and participate in panel discussions at the US Department of Education and the State Department was a particularly inspiring experience.

Throughout my journey as an educator and lifelong learner, I have consistently relied upon the principles of Workshop Way that I learned as a student and novice educator to support countless teachers in enhancing lesson development, mentoring, and developing new teachers to system-wide resets. I am so thankful for my varied and extensive experiences with this education system.

Through my doctoral research into the barriers created by administration and site leadership in reclassifying multi-lingual learners, I am continually reminded of the enduring strength, correctness, effectiveness, and engagement of Sr. Pilon's Workshop Way principles. These principles, with their focus on intrinsic motivation, individualized learning, and collaborative teaching, continue to be relevant and impactful in the field of education. I feel forever thankful to my parents for choosing SMA for my foundational years.



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