

Excellence Grounded in Faith



Dear ASCA Parents/Guardians,

My name is Mrs. Christina Magaña and I am the School Social Worker here at All Saints Catholic Academy. This is my fifth year here at ASCA and I am very excited and blessed to be here. I love social work and helping others. I enjoy listening to students, helping them solve problems, teach skills and provide tools, skills or strategies students need to be successful. Please know that I am here to offer support not only to your student(s) but also to your family.

Family: I was born and raised in St. Louis Missouri where my family and friends all still reside. I am a HUGE baseball fan and love the St. Louis Cardinals. I met my husband (he is from Aurora) in 2007 and in 2011 moved to Illinois. We have been married for 12 years and we have three children: Roman (8), Antonio (7) and Isabella (3). We also have a Cane Corso puppy (20 months) named Thor.

Education: I attended a very small Christian School from Kindergarten to 12th grade.

College: Maryville University (St. Louis) for my bachelor's degree with a double major in Psychology/Sociology. I also played two years of basketball while at Maryville.

Masters: Saint Louis University (St. Louis) for my Master's in Social Work with a concentration in Family.

Post Masters: When I moved to Illinois, I attended Aurora University and received a postgraduate degree in School Social Work, endorsed as a School Social Worker.

Other: I also became a Licensed Clinical Social Worker in October 2017.

Background: I worked on an inpatient behavioral health unit in Missouri for 3 ½ years with adolescents (11y/o-17y/o). I moved to Illinois and worked for Catholic Charities Diocese of Joliet from 2011-2018. While at Catholic Charities: I was a therapist, started a School Social Work program for the Diocese and worked in the school setting, was a supervisor and interim director. My love for schools and working with students grew so I left to pursue School Social Work full time and this is my sixth year as a School Social Worker.

School Social Work:

I am here to provide social work services for students and consult with teachers/staff, and parents to assist in meeting the needs of the student. When appropriate, I will collaborate with teachers, help provide classroom interventions, and meet with students individually and/or in small groups to meet the social, emotional, behavioral, and academic needs of the students. In addition, teachers can request that I come into the classroom to do lessons/activities, projects, and character education (kindness, friendship, etc.). As a Social Worker, I can also assist with community resources and/or referrals if needed. I am here as a support to all within our community - students, their families, teachers and staff.

A student can self-refer for social work services or a teacher, staff member, or a parent can refer them. After meeting with a student, I will assess if the student is appropriate for continuous social work services. When a decision is made for social work services, I will contact parents/guardians and ask you to sign a consent form so I can meet with your student regularly. You may also be asked, when appropriate, to sign a Release of Information in order to coordinate services with outside professionals. I believe that the best way to help a student is to meet the student where they are at and work as a team with parents, teachers, staff, and other professionals to ensure a student is successful at school academically, behaviorally, socially, and emotionally.

Please feel free to contact me by phone or email if you have any questions. I feel very blessed to be a part of the wonderful staff here at All Saints and I am looking forward to seeing returning students and meeting new students this year.

God Bless!

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