

MRS. GRACE PRATT

SCHOOL COUNSELOR (SERVING STUDENTS WITH LAST NAMES SD-Z)

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Mrs. Grace Pratt has been at Guerin Catholic since the school opened in 2004. Grace has worn many hats during her time at the school, including serving as the first Director of Admissions. She previously worked in the Advertising industry as a Media Buyer.

WORDS TO DESCRIBE ME AS A COUNSELOR:

Committed, "Passionate" about my students' successes, and Advocate

ADVICE TO PARENTS OF INCOMING STUDENTS:

High school is a process. These four years fly by and setting yourself up for success early is important. Creating good habits—time management, getting enough sleep, limits on social media—are all super important. Freshman year is also about discovery. If a student can find that one thing that will carry them through high school—participating in theatre, a sport or art activity—and trying other things along the way—these opportunities will help them form connections and feel connected!

ADVICE TO INCOMING STUDENTS:

Take advantage of what the GC campus life has to offer—clubs, organizations, sports, campus ministry opportunities, theatre. Join something freshman year, there is no better way to meet people and feel connected. Try something until you find your niche.

A LITTLE BIT ABOUT ME & MY FAMILY . . .

My husband, Mike, is a retired software executive who also works as a consultant, helping friends grow their businesses with his expertise in sales execution and strategic growth. We have three daughters, all of whom are Guerin Catholic graduates.

Our daughter Adriana (Pratt) Mansour '08 is a 2012 graduate of the University of Notre Dame and a three-time Emmy Award-winning Senior Broadcast Producer at Good Morning America. Adriana and her husband, Luke, are the parents of our two beautiful granddaughters, Emilia and Lucia. They recently relocated to Chicago as Luke assumed a position as VP and Associate General Counsel with the Chicago Bears.

Our middle daughter, Angie '09, graduated from Indiana University Bloomington in 2013 and earned a Master's Degree from the Erikson Institute in Chicago. She is a Certified Child Life Specialist at NY Presbyterian-Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital.

Our youngest daughter, Chelsea '12, graduated from the University of Notre Dame in 2015 and is VP of Investor Relations at L. Catteron, a consumer private equity firm in Greenwich, CT.

My favorite thing to do is spend time with my family in Montauk, where we have vacationed for the past 40 years. We are members of Our Lady of Mount Carmel parish.



MY FAVORITE ACCOMPLISHMENT FROM MY OWN COLLEGE EXPERIENCE . . .

I traveled over 800 miles from home and knew no one among the 35,000 students on campus. It was a culturally shocking experience coming from New York City but through determination, flexibility, and being forced to grow through my struggles, it was a life changing experience for me. I joined the school newspaper, a sorority and organizations related to my major which helped me to network, gain confidence and grow in my abilities. I also met my husband Mike during my first week on campus!

FAVORITE ST. THEODORE GUERIN QUOTE *"Love the children first, then teach them."*