

Brigid Maura Crotty

Brigid is a native of San Francisco, one of 6 siblings. Her youth was spent mostly in the Napa Valley living on five open acres in the country. Her early life was filled with difficult manual labor, academics, and family time. At a young age, Brigid learned that stacking firewood is truly an artform and at the core of family life was the daily family rosary.

In 1980 her parents, Francis and Margaret Crotty, along with two other families, opened Kolbe Academy, a Catholic school in Napa, CA. She saw first-hand the grit required to open a new classical school and help make it successful. Brigid attended Kolbe from 3rd grade through 12th. Upon graduating she matriculated to the University of San Francisco, where she was a 4-year President's Scholarship recipient. She spent a year of her college experience at the University of Innsbruck, a 350 year old college in Austria where she studied philosophy and completed courses and exams in German.

Graduating with a degree in English Literature and German, Brigid moved back to Napa Valley and worked in the wine industry before entering the teaching profession. She taught in small private schools for a number of years, including Ville de Marie Academy in Scottsdale, AZ and her alma mater, Kolbe Academy in Napa.

In the next stage of her life, Brigid pursued one of her lifelong dreams: practicing law. She earned her law degree from Empire College School of Law. She devoted several years thereafter working in the legal profession, primarily focused on real estate transactions and litigation.

In time, Brigid felt a graceful pull to move home and help care for her aging father, and later her mother until they passed. The move back to Napa prompted a career shift. Brigid took on the role of District Office Manager for the <u>Lasallian Christian Brothers - San Francisco New Orleans District</u>. The role was expansive and multi-faceted. Her office and her team helped support 24 high schools across the District. This experience rekindled her passion for education and academic excellence.

In early 2024, in what can only be considered Divine Providence, Brigid was joined Nativity as the very first member of our staff. She has proven herself invaluable applying her legal mind to contract negotiations and her impeccable taste to uniform decisions. She will be the smiling face at our front door and we are lucky to have her with us on this journey.