

## **Christopher M. Mullins, M.S.**

Chris Mullins was born and raised in Columbus, OH. He is a graduate of St. Charles Preparatory School in Columbus. Immediately upon graduating from high school, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served as a Hospital Corpsman for more than 12 years, mostly onboard nuclear submarines. He completed a Bachelor of Science degree in Health and Psychology at Excelsior College prior to his discharge from the Navy. He has subsequently completed a Master of Science degree in Physical Education with specialization in Health Education and Health Promotion from Mississippi State University. Chris is currently enrolled in the Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) program at Saint Leo University, with a specialization in school leadership. Chris has a Florida Professional Teaching Certificate with endorsements in general science (5-9), social sciences (6-12), and health (K-12), as well as the catechist certificate from the Diocese of Venice. He is also working to complete the school administrator certificate.

Mr. Mullins spent from 2004 to 2013 in Guam and Hawai'i, where he taught high school health, physical education, biology, anatomy & physiology, and AP psychology at Father Dueñas Memorial (High) School in Mangilao, Guam. He also taught at the University of Guam, first as an adjunct instructor in the School of Education and the School of Nursing and Health Sciences, then as the full-time Health Sciences Program Coordinator advising all of the undergraduate health science majors. At the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, he worked as a graduate research assistant and taught public health courses in the Office of Public Health Studies. During his time in the western Pacific he also coached high school track & field and cross-country, high school football, youth soccer, and youth baseball, and completed the Honolulu Marathon twice (2011 & 2012). He is fitness enthusiast and an avid baseball fan.

Upon leaving the western Pacific region, Chris and his family made a brief stop in Columbus, OH where he worked in corporate wellness. Because he missed teaching and couldn't tolerate the harsh northern climate, he moved his family to Port Charlotte where much of his extended family now lives. Prior to his employment at St. Charles, he worked as an allied health instructor at Southern Technical College for anatomy & physiology, disease processes & pathophysiology, and medical terminology. He and his family are active parishioners at St. Charles where he is a member of the Knights of Columbus and serves as a Eucharistic minister.

Philosophically, he subscribes to the notion that 'a child doesn't care how much you know, until they know how much you care'. He derives his inspiration from the lessons of Jesus and the teachings of the Church, and strives to incorporate these practices in the classroom.