





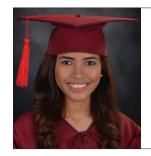
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At Basilica of Regina Pacis, parishioners attend Mass in an overflow section in the Chapel of St. Joseph. The 9 a.m. Spanish Mass has been so popular a second Mass needed to be added. (Photo: Bill Miller)



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## **Nazareth HS Principal Gets High Honors**

## One of nine recipients of NCEA's national award

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EAST FLATBUSH — A Catholic High School that was once slated to close is now thriving, and the principal who led its comeback has now been recognized with a

The National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA)

recognized Providencia Quiles, the president and acting principal of Nazareth Regional H.S., for her leadership in keeping the co-ed Catholic high school up and running for the past nine years.



Quiles

Quiles was one of nine people to receive the 2021 "Lead. Learn. Proclaim. Award," highlighting out-

standing work in Catholic education communities across the country.

"We draw on the Church's long tradition of educating the whole person: mind, body, and spirit. This is done as a community pursuing faith, truth, beauty, goodness, wisdom, and virtue," said NCEA Interim President and CEO Kathy Mears.

"These leaders are the core of our Catholic school education system and serve as inspiration to all of us working within the framework of Catholic education," she added.

Nazareth had been slated to close in 2012 due to debt and declining enrollment. Quiles, who had been principal for less than two years, and other crucial stakeholders —

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