

# Ninette S. Mordaunt

## ***Professional Bio***

St. Charles Borromeo School is a Catholic school which is a primary reason why Ms. Mordaunt is here. All students come to see her twice weekly which allows for building a progressive music program. The yearly Christmas program also indulges her in her other major interest/love: theatre. She has been teaching some 20 years, 4 of which were overseas in Taiwan and Pakistan. She has been in teaching in the archdiocese since 1997. She loves being a student: besides getting a B.A., and M.M., and a partial M.F.A, she has acquired a Certificate in Music Therapy and has taken *many* classes or lessons in various subjects throughout her life. Besides Education, she has been fortunate enough to have had meaningful experiences in other fields: Theatre, Library, retail, proof-reading, to name a few. She has sung in many choirs, but has never played in a band or orchestra, so that is one of her future goals. She has a number of other plans, as well, but may have to retire to accomplish them all. One of these days!

## ***Educational Philosophy***

One word sums it up: "Excelsior!" Education is not about sitting on one's laurels, but about expanding one's horizons; it is not about settling for mediocrity, but about bettering one's self. To paraphrase the poet, Robert Browning, "A student's (and teacher's) reach should exceed his grasp, or what's a heaven for?"

