Sarah DeCanio graduated from Penn West (Edinboro University) with a Bachelor of Science degree in both Elementary and Special Education. Her teaching career has been in learning support, with her first teaching job being at Erie High (formerly Central Tech) and later seventh grade with learning support students at J.S. Wilson Middle School in the Millcreek School District.

She met and fell in love with her husband of 11 years, Richard DeCanio, while teaching. Once they were married, they moved to NYC where they started their life together. Both of their children, Elijah and Abigail, were born there. Though they moved back to Erie after Abby was born, they visit family in Long Island (where Rick is from) in the summer.

As a McDowell High School student, Sarah played basketball but says that feels like a lifetime ago. She is now happily a soccer mom, with both of her kids playing for Erie FC. She loves to read historical Christian fiction, and one of her favorite TV series is "All Creatures Great and Small". Sarah enjoys baking, thrift shopping, and soaking in God's beautiful world through jogging and walks.

The DeCanios discovered LCA when looking for a Christian school for their children. "Our faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior comes first and it became a no-brainer to choose this school for our children with their love and passion for building leaders in the faith," Sarah explains. With both of their children in school, Sarah began searching for more purpose and a place to get back into the workforce. When this opportunity arose at LCA, she was thrilled and quickly felt it would be a great fit. "God is so good!"

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