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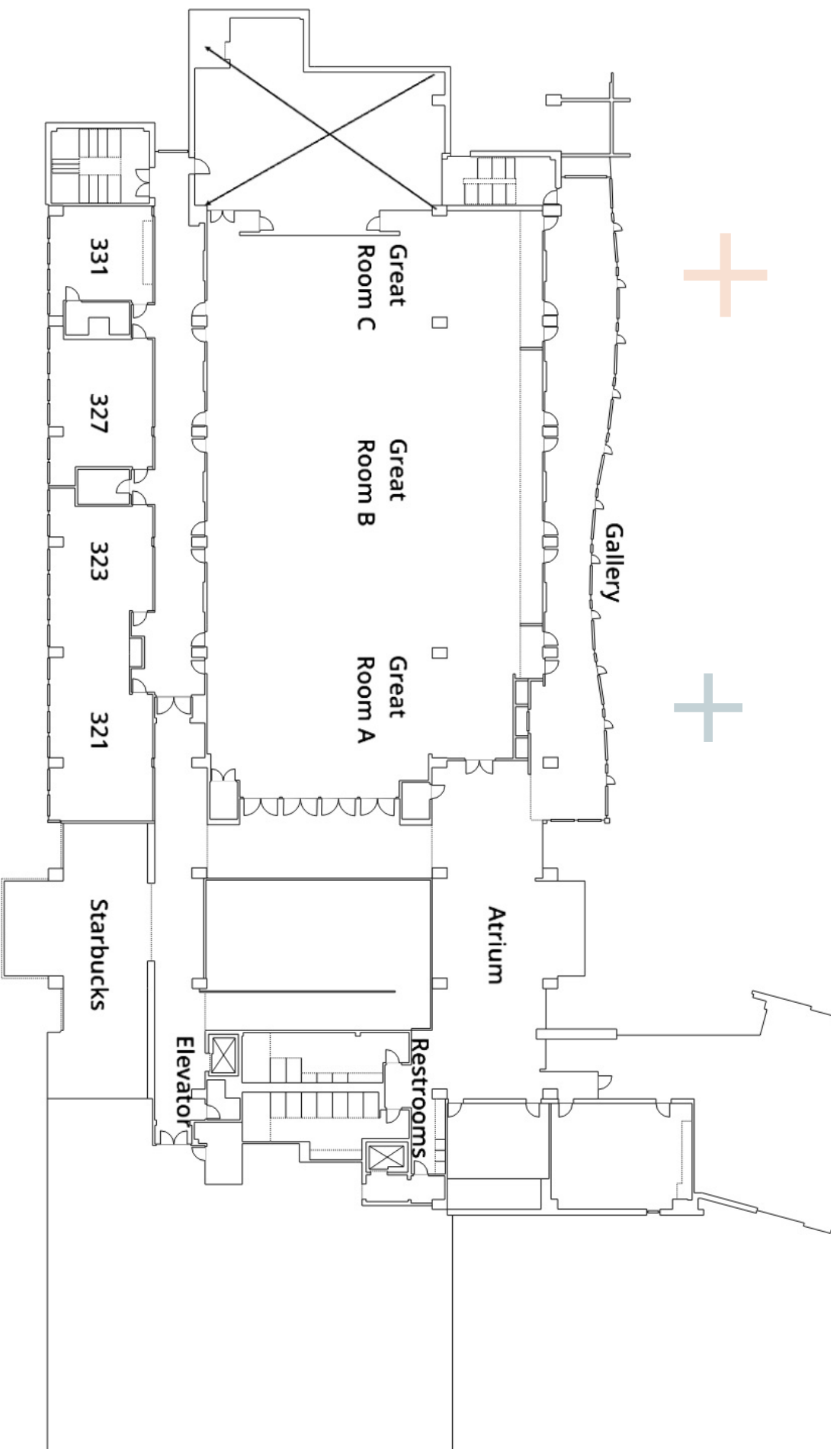


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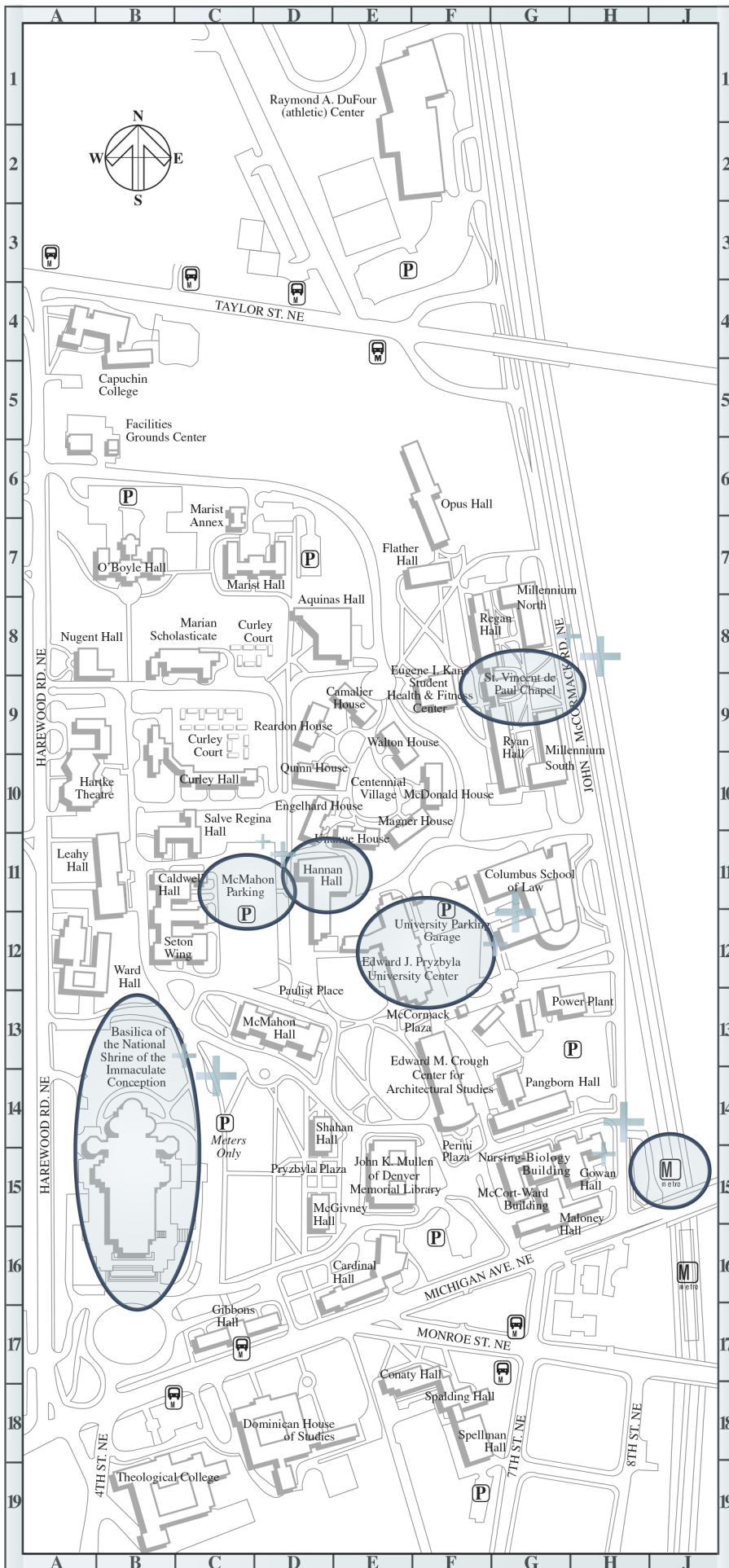
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MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2023

- 3:00 pm** **Opening Mass**
Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Crypt Church
Celebrated by Bishop Thomas Daly, Diocese of Spokane and Chairman, USCCB Committee on Catholic Education
- 4:00 pm** **Tours**
Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception
- 4:45 pm** **DIA Schools Summit Check in**
Pryzbyla University Center, Atrium
- 5:00 pm** **Reception with Exhibitors**
Pryzbyla University Center, Atrium & Great Room
- 6:15 pm** **Dinner**
Pryzbyla University Center, Great Room
- 7:00 pm** **Welcome and Keynote by Bishop Thomas Daly: Bishop of Diocese of Spokane, and Chairman, USCCB Committee on Catholic Education**
Pryzbyla University Center, Great Room
- 7:30 pm** **Keynote - Tim Busch, Businessman, Lawyer, and Catholic Philanthropist, "Building Demand Through Mission"**
- 8:30 pm** **Buses Depart for Courtyard Marriott downtown Silver Spring, MD**
McMahon Parking

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2023

- 7:30 am** **Breakfast and Exhibit Hours**
Pryzbyla University Center, Great Room
- Confessions**
Pryzbyla University Center, Room 323
- 8:45 am** **Keynote by Helen Alvaré, Robert A. Levy Endowed Chair in Law and Liberty at Antonin Scalia Law School, George Mason University, "Religious Freedom After the**

See the Whova App for speaker bios and session descriptions.

*Concurrent workshops: attendees are welcome to choose any session of interest.



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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2023 cont.

Sexual Revolution; What's a Catholic School to Do?"

Pryzbyla University Center, Great Room

10:15 am

Mass

Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Crypt Church

11:30 am

Lunch with PLC discussions and Exhibit Hours (See the Whova App for Topics)

Pryzbyla University Center, Great Room

CUA's Department of Education Focus Group (invitation only)

Pryzbyla University Center, Room 321

1:00 pm

Concurrent Workshops*

Breakout #1 - Leadership

Pryzbyla University Center, Great Room B

Alliance Defending Freedom Legal Counsel, Patrick Piccolo: "Religious Freedom: Navigating Gender Dysphoria with Clarity and Compassion"

Breakout #2 - Leadership

Pryzbyla University Center, Great Room C

Kate Sell, Mission Advancement Partners: "Understanding How to Build an Effective Catholic School Board: Finding the Trusted Leaders"

Breakout #3 - Campus Ministers

Pryzbyla University Center, Room 321

Fr. Brendan Baran, O.P.: "Fortitude and the Culture of Fear"

Breakout #4 - Campus Ministers

Pryzbyla University Center, Room 323

Dr. William Dinges, CUA Professor of Religious Studies: "'Fallen away' to 'None': Catholic Disaffiliation Past and Present"

Breakout #5 - Teachers

Hannan Hall, Room 132

Chris Valdez and Megan Bridgwater from Marin Catholic High School: "Why Redesign Your English Program and How to Facilitate and Support the Change" (Session 1 of 2)

Breakout #6 - Teachers

Pryzbyla University Center, Room 327

Mary Pat Donoghue, Secretariat for the USCCB's Committee on Catholic Education: "The Sower, the Seed, and the Soil: A Reflection on Eucharistic Teaching"

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2023 cont.

2:00 pm

Informational Mini Sessions*

Breakout #1

Pryzbyla University Center, Great Room B

Mobilize, Serve, Transform with Box of Joy-A Faith in Action Ministry for Catholic Schools

Breakout #2

Pryzbyla University Center, Great Room C

Franciscan University

Breakout #3

Pryzbyla University Center, Room 321

DIA Membership - is it right for your School or Diocese?

2:45 pm

Concurrent Workshops*

Breakout #1 - Leadership

Pryzbyla University Center, Great Room B

Dr. Andrew Abela, Dean of CUA's Busch School of Business: "Anatomy of Greatness: The 50 Virtues that Power All Human Achievement"

Breakout # 2 - Leadership

Pryzbyla University Center, Great Room C

Dr. Jacqueline Leary-Warsaw, CUA Dean of Music, Drama and Art: "Leading Our Catholic Schools: Catholic Education in the 21st Century"

Breakout # 3 - Campus Ministers

Pryzbyla University Center, Room 321

Ian Masson, Director, IPS Center for Psychological Services at Divine Mercy:
"Navigating Mental Health Concerns with Compassion and Confidence"

Breakout # 4 - Teachers

Hannan Hall, Room 132

Chris Valdez and Megan Bridgwater, Marin Catholic High School: "Principles and Practices of the Redesign" (Session 2 of 2)

Breakout #5 - Teachers

Pryzbyla University Center, Room 327

Dr. Pamela Patnode of St. Paul Seminary's Certificate in Catholic School Leadership: "Catholic Education as Vocation"

3:45 pm

Keynote by Father Robert Spitzer S.J., Founder of the Magis Center: "How to Help Our Young People Maintain Their Faith in an Increasingly Secular Age"

Pryzbyla University Center, Great Room

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2023 cont.

4:45 pm **Depart for "Night at the Museum"**
Buses depart from McMahon Parking to Museum of the Bible

5:15 pm **Concurrent Tours & Dinner**
Museum of the Bible

Founders Forum & Dinner (invitation only)
Gather on main level

Educator Program, Tours and Dinner
Gathering Room, 6th Floor

8:15 pm **Buses Depart for Courtyard Marriott downtown Silver Spring, MD**
McMahon Parking

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2023

8:00 am **Mass**
St. Vincent de Paul Chapel Between Ryan & Regan Hall

8:30 am **Breakfast with Exhibitors and PLC's**
Confessions
Pryzbyla University Center, Room 323

10:00 am **Keynote by Dr. Peter Kilpatrick, Catholic University of America President: "The Renewal of Catholic Education"**
Pryzbyla University Center, Great Room

11:00 am **Concurrent Workshops***

Breakout #1 - Leadership	Pryzbyla University Center, Room 323
Alvaro de Vicente, Headmaster at The Heights: "Hiring Partners"	
Breakout # 2 - Leadership	Pryzbyla University Center, Room 327
Shane Rapp, Principal at St. James Academy, "Partnering Practically with Parents"	
Breakout # 3 - Campus Ministers	Pryzbyla University Center, Room 321
Panel Discussion led by experienced Campus Ministry team leaders, "Building and Maintaining a Catholic Culture of Service"	

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Breakout # 4 - Campus Ministers Pryzbyla University Center, Great Room B

Alessandro DiSanto, Hallow Co-Founder, "Catechesis That Sticks - Building a Culture of Prayer as the Foundation of Discipleship that Lasts a Lifetime"

Breakout # 5 - Teachers Pryzbyla University Center, Great Room C

Brett Salkeld, author and Theologian: "There is No Neutral: Making Every Class Catholic"

Breakout # 6 - Teachers Hannan Hall, Room 132

Dr. Andrew Shivone and Dr. Michael Higgins, St. Jerome Institute Catholic High School: "Encountering Scripture Through Seminar".

12:00 pm Lunch with Exhibitors

Pryzbyla University Center, Great Room

Optional: "Free Exercise: America's Story of Religious Liberty," with discussion, Great Room C

1:00 pm Closing Keynote with Dr. Richard Ludwick, President of University of St. Thomas in Houston, "Disruptively Catholic"

Pryzbyla University Center, Great Room

2:00 pm Dismissal and blessing

Pryzbyla University Center, Great Room

LIVING OUR FAITH AT THE SUMMIT

Monday, October 16

Confessions, 9:00 am - 12noon and 2:30-4:30 pm, outside the Crypt Church (lower level) at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

Eucharistic Exposition, 8:40 am with Benediction at 12noon, Crypt Church at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

Opening Mass, 3:00 pm, Crypt Church, Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception; Bishop Thomas Daly, Celebrant

Tuesday, October 17

Confessions, 7:30-8:45 am in Room 323, Pryzbyla University Center

Exposition, 8:40 a.m., Lourdes Chapel, Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

Mass, 10:15 am, Crypt Church, Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

Confessions, 3:00 - 5:00 pm at the Shrine, outside the Crypt Church

Wednesday, October 18

Mass, 8:00 am, St. Vincent de Paul Chapel, between Regan Hall & Ryan Hall

Confessions, 8:45 - 10:00 am in Room 323, Pryzbyla University Center

Eucharistic Exposition 8:40 am - 12noon in the Crypt Church

Confessions at the Shrine, 9:00 am - 12noon; 3:00 - 5:00 pm, outside the Crypt Church

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MEET THE CLASS OF 2023 DIA FELLOWS



Ann Fallon

Ann Fallon is the Principal of St. Albert the Great Academy in Auburn, New York. Prior to being a school leader, Ann homeschooled her eight children and then served at Tyburn Academy by teaching, fundraising, developing a middle school program, working with teacher formation and retreats, and volunteering as a Board member. Her passion for catechesis has been strengthened through formation in Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and leadership certificates from Aquinas College. She holds a BA from the University of Denver.

Ann's DIA Fellowship project focused on marketing and rebranding Catholic elementary education in her community.

Mentor: Tommy Curtin



Max Grisnik

Max Grisnik is in his third year teaching at St. James Academy High School in Lenexa, KS. Before that, he was the building substitute. He is currently teaching Rhetoric and Media Arts, World Studies, and History of Film. He has also taught other courses in the Social Studies department. He is an alum of St. James Academy and is the head coach of Science Olympiad.

St. James Academy, a Catholic high school in Lenexa, KS, is in the beginning stages of a new program called Rhetoric and Media Arts. The aim of this program is to harmonize the classical roots of rhetoric with the technical side of media while doing so with a Catholic Worldview.

Mentor: Phil Consuegra



Randall Justman

Randall Justman has been teaching theology at JSerra Catholic High School for five years. He has mainly focused on teaching scripture but has also taught sacraments, morality, and lives of the saints. Before becoming a teacher, Randall worked as a youth minister for three years. Randall received his undergraduate degree in theology from Franciscan University of Steubenville in 2015 and is currently working on his master's in educational technology from Webster University.

For his DIA Fellowship project, Randall focused on building a robust program that encourages parents as the primary catechists and educators of their children by offering evening courses for them to mirror what their children are learning in the classroom.

Mentor: Deborah Nearmyer



Sam Rockford

Sam Rockford is Director of Educational Programming at St. James Academy in Lenexa, Kansas. He graduated from University of Kansas with BSE in Secondary Math and English, and an MA in Teaching and Leadership. In 2017 Rockford was a Kansas Finalist for the Presidential Award for Excellence in Math and Science Teaching. In 2020 he received the Jedel Excellence in Math Education Prime Award Recipient. Sam is married with three kids and enjoys lawn care, gardening, reading, and playing guitar. His favorite verse is Romans 5:1-5.

St. James Academy is in the beginning stages of a new program called Rhetoric and Media Arts. The aim of this program is to harmonize the classical roots of rhetoric with the technical side of media while doing so with a Catholic Worldview. The project focused on developing and executing the curriculum.

Mentor: Fr. Randy Sly





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Michael Solomon

Michael Solomon grew up in Newton, MA, the eldest of three children. He attended Franciscan University of Steubenville, where majoring in Catechetics and Theology. It was at Franciscan that he found a love for catechesis and for teaching. After a few years of catechizing and doing ministry he discerned a call to priesthood and attended St. John's Seminary in Boston, studying philosophy and theology for 5 years. It was during this time period that he heard the deeper call to religious life and so entered the Dominicans of Eastern Province and continued studies in theology. In total he spent 3 and a half wonderful years as a Dominican. This time in religious life confirmed Michael's love of the intellectual life, the desire to teach, and to create curriculum. Ultimately, it was also a time to discover that God was leading him away from the supernatural call of priesthood and preparing him to enter into married life. Now into his 3rd year of teaching and second year at The High School of St. Thomas More in Champaign, IL, Michael teaches theology to both freshmen and seniors and consider it a wonderful experience. He is passionate about forming an excellent theology curriculum that is integrative and faithful to the Catholic Church. Michael is also married to a wonderful woman, Zoe, and just had their first child.

Michael's project was two-pronged: One was for a new class he's calling "Great Christian Literature". The hope for the class is to highlight the integration of Literature and Theology. The goal is to provide students with an opportunity to experience a compelling presentation of a true Catholic Worldview. The second is for this class to become a microcosm for an integrated Humanities at the High School of St. Thomas More, striving for an environment by which the Humanities (English, History, and Theology), become an integrated whole.

Mentor: Tom Cole



Zach Werner

Zach Werner was born and raised in Colorado Springs, Colorado. He moved to Massachusetts to attend College of the Holy Cross in Worcester and played Division I lacrosse where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Religious Studies and double minored in Education and Italian. From there, he became a Providence Alliance for Catholic Teachers (PACT) teaching fellow through the University Consortium for Catholic Education, affiliated at Providence College. He spent two years teaching Theology and facilitating campus ministry at Lowell Catholic High School in northeastern Massachusetts. Following the completion of teaching and taking graduate courses for two years, he earned his Master of Science in Education degree. In 2019, he and his wife, Alicia, moved across the country to Reno, Nevada, to begin their new life together. Zach currently serves as the Theology department chair and 12th grade Theology teacher at Bishop Manogue Catholic High School in the Diocese of Reno.

Zach's Duc in Altum Fellowship focused on the spiritual development and formation of faculty and staff. He's developing a program that enables teachers from a variety of backgrounds and faith traditions to meaningfully participate in the mystical Body of Christ.

Mentor: Patrick Reidy

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