

DIA Schools Breakout Session at Napa Institute 2022

“The Reimagined Catholic School: Showing Families The Way, The Truth, and The Life”

Panel Discussion

Description - As the Catholic Church must deeply embrace its call to be evangelizing, catechizing, and missionary, so too must her schools. In fact, one could argue that our Catholic schools are in a better position than our parishes today to do the evangelizing work of our greater Church. Hear from representatives of the Duc In Altum Schools Collaborative who have built a network of evangelizing and entrepreneurial Catholic leaders who are aiming to re-church our Church using the vehicle of our K-12 Catholic schools.

- *Rich Meyer, JSerra Catholic High School President, San Juan Capistrano, California:*
You have been leading JSerra Catholic High School since 2012. Over these past 10 years, what has been most effective in advancing the missionary ethos of the school community there?
- *Patrick Reidy, Vice President of Mission and Faith at JSerra Catholic High School, San Juan Capistrano, California:* You have an interesting role at JSerra. Can you elaborate on your responsibilities and how such a position has been critical for sustaining a culture of evangelization in the school?
- *Alex Sullivan, Assistant Principal for Students, Holy Spirit Preparatory School, Atlanta, Georgia:* Before stepping into a student life leadership role at Holy Spirit Prep, you served as the school's Director of Strategic Enrollment and HR Director. Can you comment on both of those experiences as they relate to creating an evangelizing school culture?
- *Discussion:* What is the single greatest threat facing Catholic K-12 schools today from becoming an evangelizing arm of the Church? How do you or would you combat this threat?