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SCHOOLS SUMMIT AGENDA
ST. CECILIA ACADEMY

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2021

3:30 pm	**Check In**	**Main Entrance**
4:00 pm	**Mass**	**Gym**
5:00 pm	**Reception with Exhibitors**	**Alumnae Hall**
6:00 pm	**Dinner**	**Dining Hall**
6:45 pm	**2021 DIA Schools Collaborative Fellows Presentations**	**Dining Hall**
7:00 pm	**Opening Keynote: Most Reverend Thomas Daly** Catholic Schools: Bringing the Truths of Jesus Christ to the Young in a Time of Pandemic and Other Challenges	**Dining Hall**

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2021

7:15 am	**Reconciliation**	**Office Chapel**
7:45 am	**Mass**	**Gym**
8:30 am	**Continental Breakfast with Exhibitors** ARK (Assessment of Religious Knowledge), Benedictine College, BoosterThon/ BoosterSpiritWear, Catholic Virtual, CLT Exam, DENNIS Uniform, Franciscan University, Hord Architects, Institute for Catholic School Leadership, ISBC (Independent School Benefit Consortium), ISPD Consulting, Meitler/Ruotolo, Museum of the Bible, OSV (Our Sunday Visitor), Ray Dass, Sock Religious, Sophia Institute for Teachers, Steier Group, Vocation Ministry	**Alumnae Hall**
8:50 am	**2021 DIA Schools Collaborative Fellows Presentations**	**Theatre**
9:00 am	**Keynote: Dr. Heather Thomas** Answering DEI: Identity, Human Dignity, and Social Justice in the Catholic School	**Theatre**
9:45 am	**Panel** Dr. Heather Thomas, Sr. John Catherine, Fr. Claude Williams	**Theatre**
10:45 am	**Concurrent Workshops** See page 12 for workshop summaries.	
	Leadership Sr. John Catherine, "Critical Theory and Christian Hope: Some Observations on a Path Forward"	**Lecture Hall**
	Teachers & Campus Ministers Fr. Claude Williams , O.Praem., "Catholics Confront Racism in America: Legal, Rhetorical, Sacramental and Evangelical Responses to Racism in the United States"	**Choir Room**

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2021 cont.

12:00 pm	**Lunch - Exhibitor Time**	**Alumnae Hall**
	Concurrent Learning Labs See page 24 for presentation summaries.	
	McGrath Institute for Church Life Administrator's Catholic Identity Resource Collection	**Dining Hall**
	OSV Fostering Lifelong Discipleship by Integrating Stewardship	**Library**
	Dennis Uniform DENNIS makes school uniforms easy.	**Choir Room**
	Institute for School and Parish Development (ISPD) Meaningfully Engaging People in the Operational Vitality Efforts of Your Catholic School	**Lecture Hall**
	Franciscan University Finding your Personal Vocation in College	**Room 115**
	ISCP Could Be a Great Fit For Your School: A Benefits Plan that is Flexible, Transparent, and Returns Unused Claims	**Room 116**
	CLT Supporting Your School's Mission and Vision Through Meaningful Assessments	**Dining Hall**
	Catholic Virtual The Trusted Online Education Partner of Catholic Schools Worldwide	**Dining Hall**
12:00 pm	**Reconciliation**	**Office Chapel**
1:30 pm	**2021 DIA Schools Collaborative Fellows Presentations**	**Theatre**
1:45 pm	**Keynote: Mark Lippelmann** The Greatest Threat to Catholic Schools	**Theatre**
2:30 pm	**Concurrent Workshops** See page 12 for workshop summaries.	
	Leadership Thomas W. Carroll, "Reclaiming the Future of Our Church through Our Catholic Schools"	**Theatre**
	Leadership Kate Sell, "The New Parish: Catholic Schools as Centers of Family Formation"	**Room 419**

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2021 cont.

Teachers — **Lecture Hall**
Father Thomas Petri, OP, "Sacred Teaching: St. Thomas Aquinas on Faith and Learning"

Teachers — **Choir Room**
Mike Gutzwiller, "Sacred Art, Pop Culture, and Catechesis"

Campus Ministers — **Room 115**
Cara Morales, "Ministry and LGBTQIAP Issues"

Campus Ministers — **Room 116**
Dr. Amy Roberts and Dr. Rebecca Rook, "Growing a Catholic School Culture Rooted in Collaboration"

3:30 pm **Depart for off-site Retreat and Dinner** — **Front Entrance**

4:00 pm	Museum	Heritage Room, St. Cecilia Motherhouse
	Silent prayer	St. Cecilia Chapel
	Reconciliation	St. Cecilia Chapel
4:30 pm	Adoration	St. Cecilia Chapel
5:00 pm	Vespers/Rosary	St. Cecilia Chapel
5:50 pm	Depart for Dinner	Marathon Village, Room with a View

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2021
FEAST OF JOHN PAUL II

7:15 am **Reconciliation** — **Office Chapel**

7:45 am **Mass** — **Gym**

8:30 am **Continental Breakfast with Exhibitors** — **Alumnae Hall**

9:00 am **2021 DIA Schools Collaborative Fellows Presentations** — **Theatre**

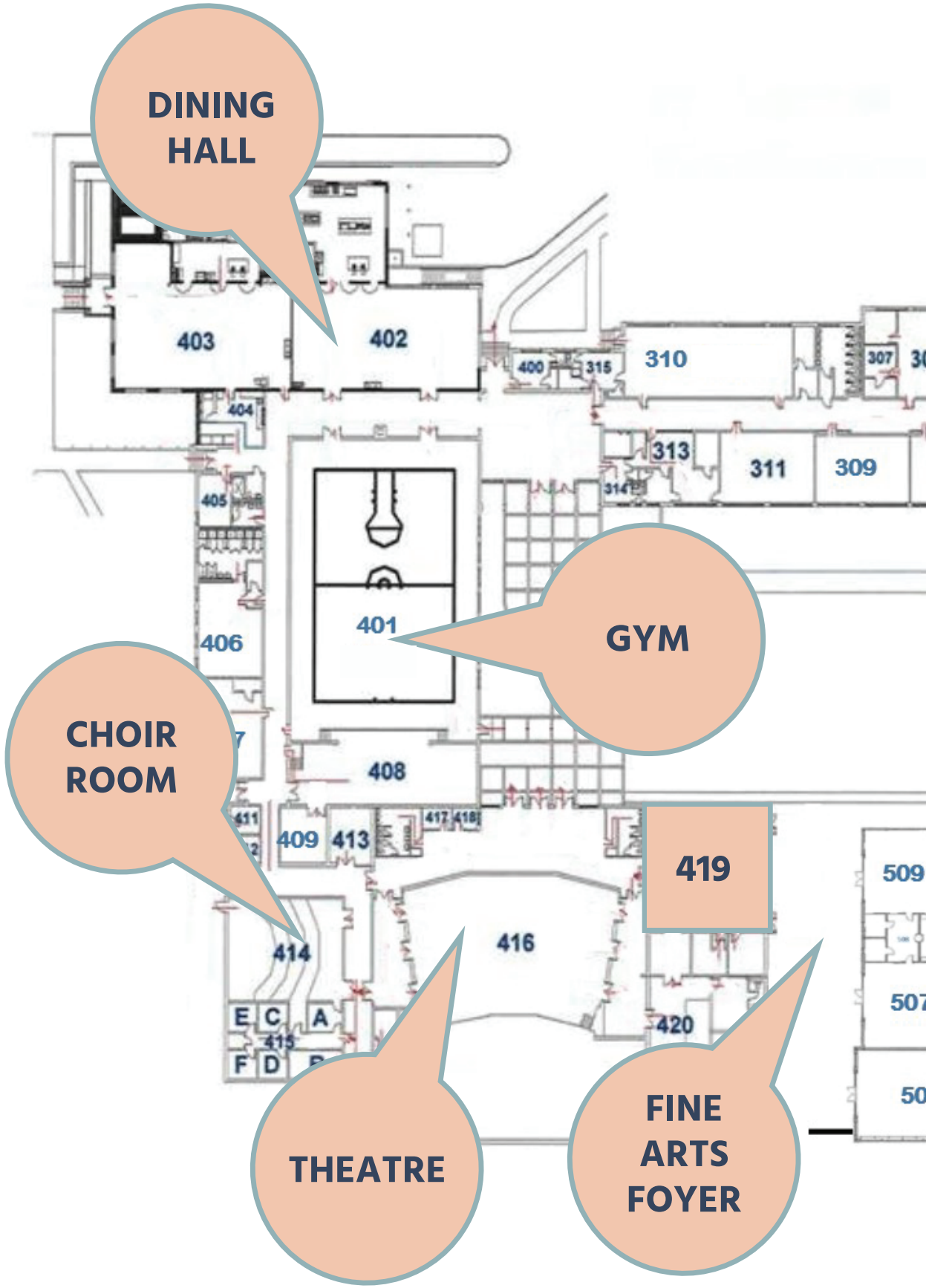
9:10 am **Keynote: Dr. Edward Sri** — **Theatre**
"Who Am I to Judge? - Talking About Morality in a Relativistic World"

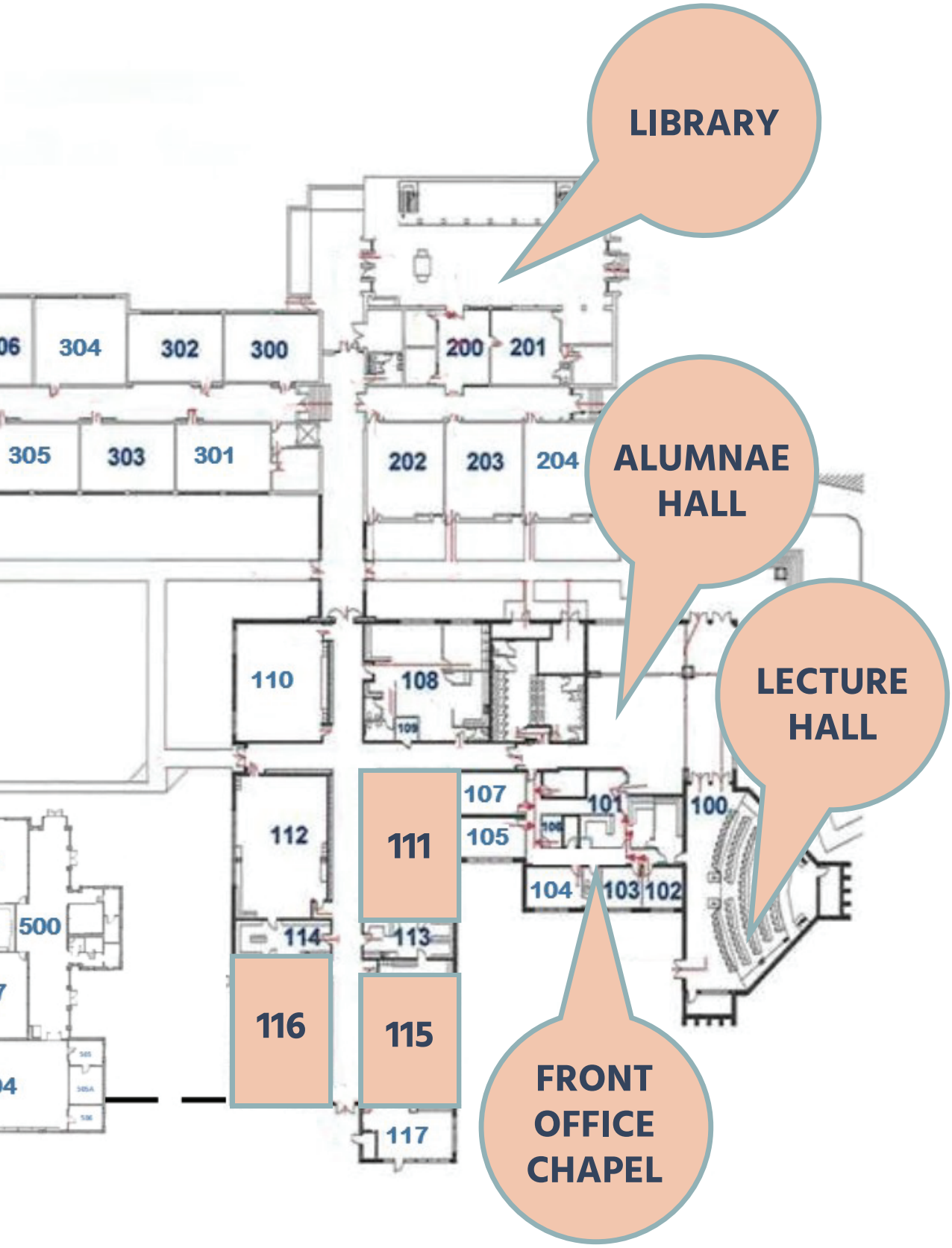
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	Leadership Panel discussion, "Recruiting Faith-Focused Faculty"	**Fine Arts Foyer**
	Leadership Sr. Mary Thomas, O.P., "Wired for Wisdom or Problem Solving: Thomistic/Dewey Differences in the Classroom"	**Room 419**
	Teachers Chris Baglow, PhD, "Faith and Science: Friends or Foes?"	**Lecture Hall**
	Teachers Rhonda Gruenewald, "Create a Classroom that Produces Vocations!"	**Choir Room**
	Campus Ministers Jennie Punswick, "The Heart of the Community: Forming Catholic Educators"	**Room 115**
	Campus Ministers Jess Keating, "Teaching Life and Human Dignity: Challenges and Opportunities for Catholic Education"	**Room 116**
11:30 am	**Lunch and Roundtable Discussions** "Putting it all together!"	
	Leadership **Teachers** **Campus Ministers**	**Library** **Room 115/111** **Room 116**
12:45 pm	**Where faith, imagination and classicism meet you find the new hit show, The Wonderful World of Benjamin Cello.** Hear the story behind the show with film director, Alex Wolaver of Kin Media	**Theatre**
1:00 pm	**Closing Keynote: Andreas Widmer** "How St. John Paul II Evangelized Me: Three Lessons for the New Evangelization"	**Theatre**
1:45 pm	**Closing Remarks and Blessing, Dismissal**	


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Dear Catholic Educators,

The Diocese of Nashville is excited to host an excellent opportunity for Catholic school management and educator formation. Through Duc In Altum (DIA) Schools Collaborative, the 7th Annual DIA Schools Summit will be held at St. Cecilia Academy in Nashville, Tennessee, October 20-22, 2021.

The DIA Schools Collaborative has continued to prove their dedication to promoting sound Catholic identity and commitment using a robust catechetical approach which meets young people where they are, sending them out with the tools necessary to tackle a challenging contemporary culture. DIA convenes diocesan and school administrators, teachers and campus ministers to exchange exciting ideas and best practices. With collaboration, we can foster in Catholic education institutions a dynamic environment of evangelization of students, faculty, parents and alumni in authentic friendship with Jesus and a love for His Church.

Organizations like DIA Schools, help to grow the resources for academic and spiritual excellence within the Church. I am pleased to endorse the DIA Schools Summit and hope to see this initiative continue to grow as school leaders work to enhance the faith experiences of young people and thus, renew our Catholic Schools.

Sincerely in Christ,

+ J. Mark Spalding

Most Reverend J. Mark Spalding
Diocese of Nashville

Living and Proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ, Welcoming All!

LIVING OUR FAITH AT THE SUMMIT

Mass

4:00 pm	Wednesday	Gym
7:45 am	Thursday	Gym
7:45 am	Friday	Gym

Reconciliation

7:15 am	Thursday	Front Office Chapel
12:00 pm	Thursday (During Lunch)	Front Office Chapel
4:00 pm	Thursday (at Motherhouse)	St. Cecilia Chapel
7:15 am	Friday	Front Office Chapel

Adoration

4:30 pm	Thursday (at Motherhouse)	St. Cecilia Chapel

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SPEAKER PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS



CHRIS BAGLOW, PhD

Teachers Workshop

Faith and Science: Friends or Foes?

In this presentation, participants will be introduced to the Catholic approach to faith and science through the teaching of St. John Paul II. Specific areas to be addressed will include areas most often involved in misconceptions of conflict between faith and science, including creation and evolution, Sacred Scripture and modern science.

Chris Baglow, P.h.D., is Professor of the Practice in the Department of Theology at the University of Notre Dame and the Director of the Science and Religion Initiative of the McGrath Institute for Church Life, where he creates and directs programming that assists Catholic leaders in bringing the Catholic faith and modern science into dialogue for the sake of the New Evangelization. He has led programs of academic integration at two Catholic high schools, including the Templeton-funded Steno Learning Program in Faith and Science for Catholic Secondary Educators (SLP), a week-long seminar experience for Catholic science and religion teachers. Baglow is the author of Faith, Science and Reason: Theology on the Cutting Edge, 2nd ed. (Midwest Theological Forum, 2019) and Creation: A Catholic's Guide to God and the Universe (Ave Maria Press, 2021). He is a member of the executive board of the Society of Catholic Scientists and serves as chair of its Theological Advisory Board.



THOMAS W. CARROLL

Leadership Workshop

Reclaiming the Future of Our Church through Our Catholic Schools

Superintendent Carroll will outline a vision for schools to ensure they are fully Catholic, evangelical in spirit, worthy of our Catholic intellectual tradition, and customized to the needs of our children. He also addresses the threats posed by wokeness and cancel culture and the need to defend the Western canon and fidelity to the Magisterium. Mr Carroll also will discuss a new 6-12 classical Catholic high school the Boston Archdiocese is launching called Lumen Verum Academy, which will open in September 2021 — the first new school created by the Archdiocese in more than 50 years.

Mr. Carroll, who has served as Boston's Superintendent for just over two years, came to the job as an unconventional candidate, having not attended, taught or led Catholic schools previously. Carroll, a Catholic convert, worked closely with Cardinal Dolan on Catholic schools advocacy in NY and DC, ran two large Catholic scholarship funds, and founded a highly successful network of urban charter schools. Across multiple leadership positions, Carroll accumulated extensive nonprofit management experience.

SPEAKER PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS



MOST REVEREND THOMAS DALY

Keynote

Catholic Schools: Bringing the Truths of Jesus Christ to the Young in a Time of Pandemic and Other Challenges

Bishop Daly will challenge educators to ask, 'What is it that's going on in our school, and why is this school Catholic, and why do we need this school?..." Catholic educators and school leaders have thrived through the challenges of the past 18 months, not just ensuring their students' academic success but also teaching and proclaiming the Gospel. What lessons have we learned that will help us thrive well into the future?

Pope Francis named Bishop Daly the seventh Bishop of Spokane more than six years ago. He was ordained a priest for the Diocese of San Francisco, and was Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of San Jose, California, for five years.

Bishop Daly is currently on the USCCB Committee on Catholic Education, and will become chairman of the committee after the November 2021 session. He is also on the Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis; the Subcommittee on Catholic Home Missions of the Committee for National Collections; and the Subcommittee on Native American Affairs of the Committee on Cultural Diversity in the Church. Bishop Daly is a consultant to the Committee on Religious Liberty. Bishop Daly had previously been on the Committee for Clergy, Consecrated Life & Vocations 2013-2019.



RHONDA GRUENEWALD

Teachers Workshop

Create a Classroom that Produces Vocations!

Did you know that consistently studies find that close to 75% of the newly ordained first considered being a priest between birth and 18 years of age? This statistic emphasizes the absolute necessity to encourage vocations early in life. To inspire more youth to hear God's call, Rhonda Gruenewald, founder of Vocation Ministry, created a fresh and innovative approach to present the joy of holy vocations to our youth in their everyday environment. Based on the proven success of Vocation Ministry's parish-based workshops, Rhonda's new education-based workshops were specifically designed to encourage, inspire, and equip Catholic educators to create a vocation-friendly environment in classrooms and campus ministries. One teacher said, "This is the clear roadmap for encouraging vocations in my classroom." Join me for a workshop designed just for YOU!

Rhonda Gruenewald is a native Texan and passionate convert to Catholicism. After teaching high school for 6 years and staying home for 15 years with her two children, she founded Vocation Ministry, which promotes vocations to the priesthood, consecrated life, and sacramental marriage. After being asked many times "What can we do in our Catholic schools?" she authored a new book *The Harvest: A Guide to Vocation Ministry in Education*. This 200-page comprehensive guide provides practical advice and inspiration, including 75 impactful activities, easily implemented in classroom settings. This ground-breaking approach gives our Catholic educators the resources needed to positively affect the Church and our youth for generations to come!

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MIKE GUTZWILLER

Teachers Workshop

Sacred Art, Pop Culture, and Catechesis

An ancient saying says, "If a pagan asks you, 'Show me your faith' [...] you will take him to a church and bring him before the sacred icons." This same principle still applies today. The use of sacred art in catechesis not only reveals our faith as Christians, but also puts us into very real connection with God, who is Beauty itself. This workshop will explore ways that sacred art, beauty, and even elements of pop culture can be used as a fruitful catechetical tool that invites students to enter more deeply into the mysteries of our faith and meaningfully encounter God Himself.

Mike Gutzwiller is the Director of Curriculum Development for Sophia Institute for Teachers. Since joining the team at Sophia in 2015, Mike has been the primary author and editor of the Spirit of Truth K-8 and High School textbook series and has led professional development workshops on various topics around the US. Mike is the former chair of the theology department at St. Thomas More High School in Milwaukee, WI. He earned his BA from Franciscan University of Steubenville where he majored in Theology and Catechetics and has an MA in School Counseling from Marquette University. Mike lives with his wife, Sarah, and newborn daughter, Addison, in Milwaukee, WI, where he enjoys playing keyboard in his worship band, collecting superhero comic books, and rooting for his beloved Chicago Cubs.



SR. MARY THOMAS HUFFMAN, O.P.

Leadership Workshop

Wired for Wisdom or Problem Solving: Thomistic/Dewey Differences in the Classroom

Modern movements in progressive education find many of their roots in the pragmatic educational philosophies of 20th century America, led by John Dewey. St. Thomas Aquinas offers a refreshing approach to the education of students based on a true anthropology which regards a student as one created for union with God. This presentation will explore the philosophical underpinnings of both Thomistic and pragmatic understandings of the goal of education, contrasting the two and applying their principles to show the fruit of both in the classroom setting.

Sr. Mary Thomas is a member of the Dominican Sisters in Nashville, Tennessee. While currently serving as Bursar General of St. Cecilia Congregation, she served as principal of Mount de Sales Academy in Baltimore, MD from 2012 -2018. Before then, she served as principal of St. Cecilia Academy in Nashville from 2005 – 2012. Her previous experiences include teaching middle school and high school at various Dominican schools, including St. Cecilia Academy and Overbrook School on the Dominican Campus in Nashville and St. Rose Academy and John Carroll Catholic High School in Birmingham. Her educational background includes a Bachelor of Arts in mathematics from Belmont University and a Master of Science in mathematics from Middle Tennessee State University. She also received a Master of Science in Educational Leadership from Christian Brothers University in Memphis, and a Master of Science in Thomistic Studies from the Pontifical Faculty of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC.

SPEAKER PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS



JESS KEATING

Campus Ministers Workshop

Teaching Life and Human Dignity: Challenges and Opportunities for Catholic Education

In this presentation, participants will explore the unique challenges and opportunities for the effective integration of Catholic anthropology and a consistent ethic of life across the subject areas and in student formation.

Jess Keating directs the Notre Dame Office of Life and Human Dignity in the McGrath Institute for Church Life. In her role, she leads the Institute's research, education, and outreach efforts on the nature and dignity of the human person and contemporary threats to the sanctity of life. Jess collaborates schools and dioceses to develop innovative educational content and strategies to integrate a pedagogy of life across the academic disciplines.

Jess is also pursuing her doctorate in Systematic Theology at the University of Notre Dame.



SISTER JOHN CATHERINE KENNEDY, O.P.

Leadership Workshop

Critical Theory and Christian Hope: Some Observations on a Path Forward

This breakout session is a basic look at some dangers in the application of critical theory while highlighting some aspects of critical race theory that can be employed to one's benefit in an authentic struggle to combat racial injustice. Sister will draw on ideas from the Christian tradition and particularly Pope Benedict XVI's Spe Salvi to demonstrate that Christianity offers a compelling explanation for the reality of human injustice and a path forward in rightly-placed hope.

Sister John Catherine is a native of Mount Vision, New York. She grew up in a big Catholic family, working in the family gardens and greenhouses. She graduated from the Catholic University of America in 1999, with a B.A. in History and Secondary Education and began teaching. In 2000, she entered the Dominican Sisters of Saint Cecilia, professing final vows in 2007. She earned post-baccalaureate licensure in Education from Aquinas College in Nashville and studied in the Catholic Studies Program at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul. She studied History at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, earning her M.A. and Ph.D. while continuing to teach high school part-time. She currently teaches at Aquinas College and at St. Cecilia Academy here in Nashville. Sister John Catherine's 2019 dissertation, "You Have Made No Mistake in Seeking to Save Souls among Us": Catholic Evangelization among Black Nashvillians, 1898-1908 tells the story of the foundation of Holy Family, the first Black Catholic parish in the City of Nashville, and of Immaculate Mother Academy, a school for Black girls founded in Nashville in 1905, examining the intersection of religion, race, education, and urbanization in turn of the century Nashville.



DIA PILGRIMAGE TO OUR NATION'S CAPITAL

Details will soon be announced for DIA Schools Collaborative's first two-day pilgrimage for Catholic school leaders and board members in early second semester. You may have visited Washington, DC, before but this faith journey is an opportunity to "go deeper." Highlights plan to include VIP tours and behind-the-scenes access to historic sacred spaces, silent prayer, intimate discussions with Catholic philanthropists, brainstorming with thought-leaders from secondary and higher education, as well as a historical tour of the nation's oldest Catholic university.

All are welcome. DIA members receive discounted registration!

SPEAKER PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS



MARK LIPPELMANN

Keynote

The Greatest Threat to Catholic Schools

Catholic beliefs—and the schools that teach them—are under attack like never before. The so-called Equality Act, major changes to Title IX, and other legal challenges threaten Catholic schools' ability to teach and practice their faith. But there is reason for hope, and a call for both fidelity and fortitude. Mark Lippelmann will discuss the legal threats facing religious education and what Catholic schools can do to defend their rights.

Lippelmann serves as senior counsel for Alliance Defending Freedom, where he is a key member of the Center for Christian Ministries. Since joining ADF in April 2020, Lippelmann has focused on protecting the freedom of Christian ministries, schools, and churches to exercise their faith without interference. Prior to joining ADF, Lippelmann worked as an attorney for the U.S. Postal Service in Washington, D.C., where he focused on complex class action litigation before federal courts and administrative bodies. Lippelmann also served as a federal law clerk and as an associate in private practice before joining ADF. He's a Kansas native, earning his bachelors at University of Kansas and his J.D. from Washburn University.



CARA MORALES

Campus Ministers Workshop

Ministry and LGBTQIAP Issues

Across the nation we are seeing an increase in young people identifying as LGBTQIAP. In this informative session we'll discuss these rising trends, practical ways to engage young people struggling with these issues, and tips to make our relational ministry stronger.

Cara Morales has two passions in her professional life: sharing the Catholic faith and helping adolescents in their formation. Native to California, she completed her Bachelor of Arts degree in Theology and Religious Education at Franciscan University. Upon graduation, she was hired as a theology teacher at JSerra Catholic High School in 2003. While teaching, she saw a need beyond the classroom to help adolescents navigate the tumultuous waters of life. She decided to pursue her Masters in Clinical Psychology at Azusa Pacific University, and began the Personal Counseling department at JSerra in 2012. She currently works with adolescents as a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist and Professional Clinical Counselor, and with parents as a Parenting Coach. Cara is married with three children, has traveled the country as a retreat leader and speaker with the Steubenville Youth Conferences, recently relocated to Idaho, and is obsessed with coffee.

SPEAKER PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS

PANEL DISCUSSION

Leadership Workshop

Recruiting Faith-Focused Faculty

Recruit quality candidates for your team with tools and techniques utilized by these professionals. Everyone's looking for prospects who will execute the mission, infuse the faith, and evangelize while helping students excel in their subject area. Where do you find them and how can you make sure they are the right fit?

Moderated by Kyle M. Pietrantonio, DIA Schools Collaborative Executive Director and Partner, Executive Search, Partners in Mission; Panelists include Ed Lindekugel, Head of School, Holy Spirit Preparatory School in Atlanta, Georgia; Deborah Nearmyer, Director of Faith Formation at St. James Academy in Lenexa, Kansas; and Keith Martin, Principal at St. John Notre Dame School in Folsom, California.



V. REV. THOMAS PETRI, O.P., S.T.D.

Teachers Workshop

Sacred Teaching: St. Thomas Aquinas on Faith and Learning

According to St. Thomas Aquinas, teaching the faith is not merely the repetition of doctrinal statements, but is the highest exercise of learning and knowledge. God Himself is both the beginning and the goal of all theology.

Father Thomas Petri, OP is the President of the Pontifical Faculty of the Immaculate Conception at the Dominican House of Studies in Washington, D.C. Ordained a priest in 2009, he holds a Doctorate in Sacred Theology from the Catholic University of America. Formerly an Assistant Professor of Theology at Providence College in Rhode Island, he has served at the Dominican House of Studies since 2013, first as the Academic Dean and now as President. He has published articles in Nova et Vetera and in The National Catholic Bioethics Quartrly. His book, Aquinas and the Theology of the Body: The Thomistic Foundations of John Paul II's Anthropology, was published by CUA Press in 2016.



JENNIE PUNSWICK

Campus Ministers Workshop

The Heart of the Community: Forming Catholic Educators

In this session, participants will experience how Holy Family School of Faith helps form the intellectual and interior lives of Catholic school teachers and administrators by contemplating something beautiful, discussing something good, and learning something true. Monthly faculty formation provides educators essential time for friendship, leisure, and prayer while strengthening the relationships most necessary for schools working to build a strong Catholic identity. Our sessions seek to deepen the interior lives of our teachers, equip them for evangelization, and form them in the Catholic Intellectual Tradition.

Jennie is a School of Faith instructor and missionary in the Kansas City area where she works primarily with Faculty Formation in the Kansas City, KS archdiocesan schools. She holds a master's degree in English literature from the University of Missouri-Kansas City as well as a BSE in English Education and BA degrees in English Literature and Theatre Arts.

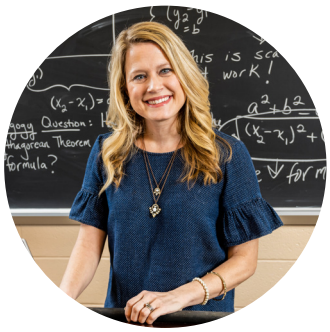
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JENNIE PUNSWICK
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She is passionate about issues concerning Catholic education, the feminine genius, authentic Catholic family life, and the blessed chaos of young motherhood. She writes and speaks about these issues throughout the Archdiocese of Kansas City, Kansas. Jennie and her husband Kevin reside in Overland Park with their six children: Joseph, Lucia, Samuel, John, Catherine and Cecilia.



DR. AMY ROBERTS



DR. REBECCA ROOK

Campus Ministers Workshop

Growing a Catholic School Culture Rooted in Collaboration

Campus ministers can play a pivotal role integrating the Faith throughout the curriculum and cultivating the Gospel witness of all personnel in the school. This workshop will take insights from Christian anthropology and apply them to the faith formation of faculty, staff, and students – in and out of the classroom. Participants will leave with a deeper understanding of the "why" behind some common faith formation practices, as well as some ideas for innovative applications in future work.

A native of Chattanooga, Tennessee and a graduate of Catholic schools, Amy Roberts majored in English at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, and earned her Master's degree in Theology at Franciscan University of Steubenville. Amy taught high school religion for 13 years, including 11 years at Knoxville Catholic High School, before returning to Franciscan University to serve on the Catechetics faculty. She has also spoken at several high school age retreats, led several parish Bible studies, taught an ongoing diocesan adult education class on the sacraments, and presented in Aquinas College's catechist formation program for the Diocese of Knoxville. She received her Ph.D. from The University of Notre Dame Australia in 2020, with a dissertation titled "Encountering the Living God: Forming Teachers as Witnesses in Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools."

Rebecca Rook is a wife of 20 years, a mom to six children, and an assistant professor of education at Franciscan University of Steubenville. Dr. Rook has 15 years of higher education experience working in the areas of mathematics, math pedagogy, middle school curriculum and classroom management, and educator preparation program assessment and accreditation. She also holds a license in 7-12 mathematics in the state of Ohio. She received her doctorate in Instructional Management and Leadership from Robert Morris University in Pittsburgh, PA in 2019. Dr. Rook's recent research has been published in the Journal of the National Collegiate Honors Council and the Journal of Digital Learning in Teacher Education.

SPEAKER PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS



KATE SELL

Leadership Workshop

The New Parish: Catholic Schools as Centers of Family Formation

With declining parish numbers and more decentralized parish communities, Catholic schools are in a unique position to provide ongoing formation for families. Parents are naturally engaged where their children are engaged. This offers Catholic schools a remarkable opportunity to reach families and build Catholic community where the Faith can be lived, modeled, and transmitted through relationships and shared milestones. With more than 42 percent of Millennials (today's young parents) identifying as religiously "non-affiliated", Catholic schools have the opportunity to renew the culture by renewing the faith of the family.

Kate Sell, founder and managing partner of Mission Advancement Partners, is an organizational strategist with more than 15 years of experience in business and nonprofit consulting. Kate has experience in all phases of organizational development and change. Her expertise in planning and strategy brings clarity and focus to organizational growth and transition and equips clients to maximize resources to effectively achieve goals. Kate's work with Catholic schools stems from her own experience as a mother desiring an authentically Catholic education for her children. She understands the eternal value a Catholic education and the transformative impact this can have on students, families, and the culture. She also understands the ongoing struggle to effectively manage, finance, and grow a Catholic school and is dedicated to helping Catholic schools thrive into the next generation. A convert to the Catholic faith in 1999, Kate lives in Atlanta, GA with her husband Bryan and their five children.



DR. EDWARD SRI

Keynote

Who Am I to Judge? - Talking About Morality in a Relativistic World

How do we talk about morality in a culture that no longer believes in moral truth? Even many good Catholics feel afraid to say anything is right or wrong anymore. We don't know what to say, and we're scared others will think we're "judgmental" and "intolerant." With humor and personal examples, Edward Sri gives practical strategies for engaging your secular friends in a compelling and compassionate way. And he helps form us in a Catholic moral worldview. Learn how Catholic morality is all about love, how making a judgment is not judging a person's soul and how in the words of Pope Francis, "relativism wounds people" and is "the spiritual poverty of our times."

Dr. Sri is a theologian, speaker and author of several best-selling books, including Who Am I to Judge? and Walking with Mary. He is the presenter of several faith formation programs used by thousands of parishes around the world, and is the host of the weekly podcast All Things Catholic. With Curtis Martin, he is a co-founder of FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students) and currently serves as the organization's Vice President of Formation. His newest book and video study program is called No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk through Christ's Passion (available through Ascension Press). You can learn more about Dr. Sri's work at edwardsri.com

SPEAKER PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS



DR. HEATHER THOMAS

Keynote

Answering DEI: Identity, Human Dignity, and Social Justice in the Catholic School

Proponents of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion model claim that it provides opportunities for the positive transformation of organizational culture. This transformation is driven by a strategic focus on dismantling structures that are believed to promote and maintain "systemic racism" and other forms of prejudice and bigotry. The end goal is improved representation of diverse kinds of people, equality of access and outcomes, and the perception – on the part of minoritized or disenfranchised persons – of being fully welcomed, affirmed, and included into any organizational community. In this talk, I discuss key issues that make DEI incompatible with the identity and mission of the Catholic school. I'll propose a highly collaborative, Christ-centered, and human-dignity-focused approach to social responsibility and justice that holds to the fullest understanding of the human person and is unabashedly Catholic in its vision.

Dr. Heather Thomas is a cultural anthropologist and southern California native. She holds a Ph.D. in cultural anthropology from the University of California, Irvine and is on staff at JSerra Catholic High School.



ANDREAS WIDMER

Keynote

How St. John Paul II Evangelized Me: Three Lessons for the New Evangelization

I was a 20 year old cultural Catholic when I entered the Swiss Guards and left it after 2 years as an intentional, devout Catholic. What happened during those two years is that I met and was deeply influenced by Saint John Paul II. I would like to share with you three lessons that I discerned from how he brought me to seek and find a closer relationship with Jesus and his Church during that time.

Andreas E. Widmer, Assistant Professor of Entrepreneurship and the Director of the Art & Carlyse Ciocca Center for Principled Entrepreneurship at The Catholic University of America's Busch School of Business. Andreas is also the author of "The Pope & The CEO: Pope Saint John Paul II's Lessons to a Young Swiss Guard," a book exploring leadership lessons that Widmer learned serving as a Pontifical Swiss Guard protecting Pope John Paul II and refined during his career as a successful business executive.

Andreas loves to spend time with his wife and son. He is an eternal student of fly-fishing, enjoys skiing, and is an avid reader.

SPEAKER PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS



FR. CLAUDE WILLIAMS, O.PRAEM.

Teachers and Campus Ministers Workshop

Catholics Confront Racism in America: Legal, Rhetorical, Sacramental and Evangelical Responses to Racism in the United States

Besides proposing a working definition of racism, this workshop will approach the phenomenon of racism as it has been experienced, understood, and resisted in the United States. The workshop will give special attention to the history of the descendants of enslaved Africans in the U.S.A. Additionally, the workshop will present a full roster of significant Catholic figures whose circumstances and charisms offer to us guideposts while we navigate current issues related to racial injustice. As Catholic leaders and educators today, we look to many good examples that have preceded us. This workshop will highlight four individual Catholics: Venerable Julia Greely, Venerable Father Augustus Tolton, Flannery O'Connor and Archbishop Joseph Rummel, whose lives span roughly 130 years from the antebellum period to the cusp of the Civil Rights movement. These four figures will be considered not as 'perfect' role models, but as relatable, accessible and heroic examples of Christian leadership during times of racial and ethnic tension.

Father Claude Williams, O.Praem., is a native of New Orleans, Louisiana. He entered the Norbertine Order in the summer of 2000, after attending Franciscan University of Steubenville from 1998-2000. From 2004-2007, he studied at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome, where he earned his Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Sacred Theology with a concentration in Dogmatics.

Father Claude served for five years as Vice Dean of Students at St. Michael's Preparatory High School in Silverado, California. During this time, Father Claude also ministered in the classroom as a teacher in several departments. After his ordination in 2009 until 2012, Father Claude provided sacramental assistance to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church in Irvine. From 2012-2018, Fr. Claude served as parochial vicar at St. John the Baptist Church in Costa Mesa where he ministered to the Italian, Spanish and Latin Mass communities. Additionally during these years living in Costa Mesa, he served as Chair of Liturgy for the National Black Catholic Congress and as chaplain for CALL (the Catholic Association of Latino Leaders) in the Diocese of Orange, California.

From 2018-2021, Fr. Claude served as Rector of Sts. Peter & Paul School in Wilmington, California. During these years he also provided sacramental assistance to Transfiguration Catholic Church in Los Angeles and Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church in Encino. In the summer of 2021, he was appointed Pastor of Sts. Peter & Paul Church in Wilmington. For leisure, Father enjoys traveling and spending time with his Norbertine community.

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OSV - "Fostering Lifelong Discipleship by Integrating Stewardship"

Stewardship is a lifelong journey as we fulfill our call to discipleship. As educators, we strive to instill the foundations of our faith in our children. We want to give them the tools they need to be successful disciples throughout their life. The concepts of Stewardship and discipleship can be awakened in the classroom through curriculum, activities, events, prayer and more. We will focus mainly on what is stewardship, how we can integrate the message more into the classroom, and how our school can practice good stewardship through our giving, our actions, and our prayer. We will discuss some ideas of how to incorporate other concepts of good stewardship such as stewardship of the environment and community service.

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Franciscan University – "Finding your Personal Vocation in College"

In this learning lab, we will highlight and discuss how Franciscan University as an institution of higher learning and vibrant Catholic identity, fosters an environment in which our students may discover their personal vocation before being sent forth into the world. The university does this through multiple avenues of formation both in and outside of the classroom. During this session, we will illustrate these spheres of development through our personal experiences as alumni, and highlighting current initiatives throughout the university community. We will open up conversations about the role of higher education in the intellectual, spiritual, and personal development of young adults.

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Holy Spirit Preparatory School
Atlanta, GA

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School: Holy Spirit Preparatory School, Atlanta, GA;
Dean of Student Life, Middle School and Middle School Social Studies

Project: Collaborating with educators who are promoting the faith among their students and wider school community while investigating effective Catholic leadership styles providing a deeper infusion of faith.

Mentor: Pat Reidy



TAMI GOY

Christ the King Catholic School,
South Bend IN

Name: Tami Goy

School: Christ the King Catholic School, South Bend, IN;
Religion Teacher

Project: Discover and learn new ways of providing encounters with the living God in my own school.

Mentor: Deborah Nearmyer



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St. Thomas High School
Houston, TX

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Teacher, Head of House System & Assistant Director of Campus Ministry—Retreat Coordinator

Project: Equipping staff and faculty with tools to maintain and pass on the Catholic identity and charisms of our school.

Mentor: Pat Reidy

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CHRIS HARRINGTON

JSerra Catholic High School
San Juan Capistrano, CA

Name: Chris Harrington

School: JSerra Catholic High School, San Juan Capistrano, CA; Director of Admissions

Project: Exploring mission-orientated community structures that can help us to further the personal formation of students, families, and staff. I will apply a comprehensive focus across school departments, providing families with the tools to establish a living and sustained domestic church.

Mentor: Brian Moscona



ANGIE JAKUBIK

Ursuline Academy
Dallas, TX

Name: Angie Jakubik

School: Ursuline Academy of Dallas, TX; Theology Department Chair

Project: Investigating how theology teachers might blend personalized learning approaches with best practices of Catholic evangelization in order to better accompany our students along their journeys of faith.

Mentor: Tom Cole



AUSTIN KRAUSE

St. James Academy
Lenexa, KS

Name: Austin Krause

School: St. James Academy High School, Lenexa, KS; Theology Teacher

Project: Weaving the faith into students or colleagues' lives and growing my leadership abilities at the same time.

Mentor: Pat Reidy

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ANGELA ODINET

John Paul the Great Academy
Lafayette, LA

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School: John Paul the Great Academy, Lafayette, LA; Assistant Headmaster

Project: Emboldening my leadership skills as I move into the Headmistress position in 2021-2022 is my priority, so that I can continue to infuse the faith in our school community.

Mentor: Barb Lobotka



MAURA STRICKLAND

Hayden Catholic High School
Topeka, KS

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Project: Shifting the culture of a traditional school to preserve its Catholic identity.

Mentor: Deborah Nearmyer



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Broomfield, CO

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Project: Enhancing the beauty of sacred spaces after a major renovation at our school, to compliment the recently redesigned Theology curriculum.

Mentor: Madeline Flanagan

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St. James Academy
Lenexa, KS

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Project: Evangelize my students and help other teachers do the same, not just on my campus but with teachers from other Catholic schools.

Mentor: Tom Cole

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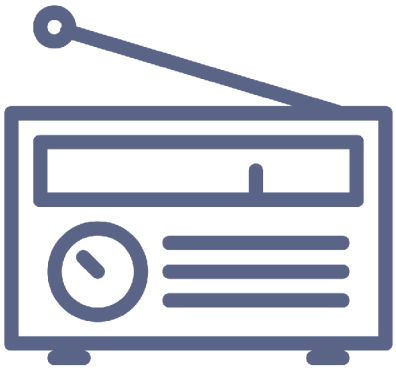
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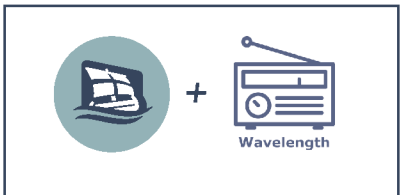
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