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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Initiative For Catholic Schools



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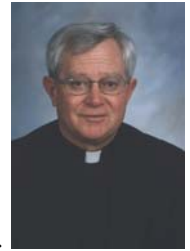
The Initiative for Catholic Schools (ICS) has been the signature program of our Center for Catholic Education (XUCCE) since its inception. Made possible by a generous \$2 million grant from the Clement and Ann Buenger Foundation in 2003, ICS has now served 50 Archdiocese of Cincinnati and Diocese of Covington schools and over 170 individual teachers. Because of this grant, science education, mathematics education, and school leadership have been measurably improved. In short, thousands of Catholic school children at ICS schools are the winners.

On September 15 the Center sponsored a roundtable discussion with local Catholic school principals. The purpose was to consider ways to continue the spirit of ICS for the future. Several recommendations came from this group that will help to shape the future of ICS to improve Catholic education in the region. The future and health of Catholic education is surely of concern to every Catholic individual and the Center is here to facilitate the educational ministry of Catholic schools—an educational system that has historically been the best in the world. The Center's mission is to provide education, research, and service to aid Catholic schools.

Much has been accomplished with the initial ICS funding. However, we are rapidly depleting those funds and additional donors will be needed to continue this important work. Know that the Center is committed to the Initiative for Catholic Schools because it has proven its effectiveness and we see a bright future for Catholic schools.

ASSOCIATE'S NOTES

Catholic Educators Master's Degree



Robert Bueter, S.J.
Associate Director

I am pleased to continue my work with the first cohort of our new master's degree for Catholic educators, even as we prepare for the second cohort (see announcement, page 2). The first cohort brings 55 teachers from 28 elementary and 6 high schools together every Thursday this Fall semester at Purcell Marian High School for the third and fourth courses in this special program whose unique emphasis is on Catholic principles and ideals in education. With two courses – *School Administration* and *History and Philosophy of Education in the United States* – completed in the spring semester, these teachers are adding *Educational Psychology* and *Educational Research* to their growing transcript. Many are already at the halfway point of their degree, having taken an additional course at Xavier over the summer. The remaining 18 or fewer credit hours will be taken in regular courses on the Xavier campus in the coming semesters.

Al Early, the principal of Purcell Marian High School, and I are directing the work in *Educational Psychology*; Dr. James Boothe and Joe Link are guiding the students' research efforts.

With the encouragement of Dr. Flick, I have the further opportunity to work with area schools, most recently and ongoing with Nativity of Our Lord (strategic plan) and the new St. Nicholas (board of directors).



Mark Brown Returns to Xavier

Mark Brown will return to Xavier on October 30 as the keynote speaker for the 2008 Ann Buenger Catholic Speaker Series. Mr. Brown is an internationally recognized presenter, who won the *World Champion of Public Speaking Award*. He notes that we spend years investing in stocks, bonds, mutual funds, and other financial vehicles to secure our future and that no financial investment should outweigh the investment in children. Join us as Brown presents *Our Children, Our Future*, a unique and interesting perspective on the importance of investing in children. This presentation is designed for educators, parents, and future teachers. Reservations are required. Contact Nancy Downing at 513-745-3477.



In addition, Brown will conduct his award-winning bullying prevention program for 7th and 8th grade Catholic school students. All elementary schools in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and the Diocese of Covington are invited, and reservations will be accepted by Catholic Digest until the event is at capacity. The entire day will be hosted by the Center for Catholic Education.

Center Hosts Catholic High School Event

Sixteen Catholic high schools participated in an information fair that was sponsored by the Center for Catholic Education and the Archdiocese of Cincinnati Catholic School Office on September 21. An estimated 800 families attended the event that was held in the Duff Banquet Room at the Cintas Center. Each high school had a display, brochures, staff, and students to promote their school and its programs.



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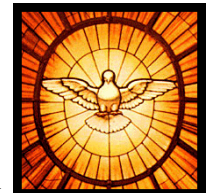
The School for Adult Catholic Religious Education (SACRE) is an XUCCE-sponsored program that offers workshops for teachers, catechists, and interested adults. The four-session workshops will include the topics of Christology, sacraments, church, Scripture, morality, church history, and other religions. SACRE workshops can be used for diocesan certification and are affordable (\$60). The next workshop, *The Church and Ministry*, will be held on October 16, 23, 30, and November 6, 7-9:30 pm. Contact XUCCE for details.



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A Theology Connection

A proposal has been submitted by Xavier's Department of Theology for a *Religious Education* concentration in the Master of Arts in Theology degree. This concentration is to be a cooperative venture between the Department of Theology, the Center for Catholic Education, and the Department of Secondary and Special Education. This proposal includes 30 credits of theology and 15 credits of secondary education (including student teaching). The program meets the recommendations of the National Catholic Education Association for candidates desiring to teach religion in Catholic schools.



ANNOUNCEMENT:

Catholic School Master's Degree

Another special cohort of Catholic school teachers and administrators is forming to begin a Master of Education Degree with a Catholic school emphasis. This program, sponsored by XUCCE, is offered at Purcell Marian High School and makes the MEd degree available to Catholic school teachers for more than a 50% tuition discount. An information session will be held on December 12th at 4pm. Telephone the Center for Catholic Education for registration details.

