



Xavier University

Center For Catholic Education

A Vision Of Greatness For Catholic Schools

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Spring 2010 Newsletter

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE A Bright Future

The Xavier University Center for Catholic Education is now in its fourth year of existence! During our first four years we administered the Initiative for Catholic Schools professional development program and the Ann Buenger Catholic Speaker Series. In addition, we have sponsored three cohorts for a Master of Education degree for Catholic educators, sponsored a special tuition rate for Catholic educators in programs at Xavier and initiated the SACRE (School for Adult Catholic Religious Education) program. A number of partnerships for student programs, professional development, and special events have also been implemented. Our partnerships include the *Archdiocese of Cincinnati Catholic Schools Office*, *Boys Hope-Girls Hope*, *Leadership Scholars*, and *Developing Inclusive Schools, Communities, and Organizations (DISCO)*. In addition our staff serves on a number of Catholic school boards.

As we have continued to grow, it became apparent that guidance and direction were needed to best utilize our resources and capacity. To this end, an advisory board was established for the Center. I want to express my thanks to the charter members who met for the first time on January 28: Mr. Greg Bell, Fr. Joseph Binzer, Fr. Robert Bueter, Mr. Robert Conway, Mrs. Jane Dugan, Ms. Mickie Gummer, Mr. Gary Massa, Mr. George Strietmann, Dr. David Tobergte, and Nancy Sampson (Board Secretary). Words cannot express my gratitude to Greg Bell who agreed to co-chair the board with me. We do plan to add additional members and nominations will be appreciated. The next meeting of the advisory board is scheduled for Friday, May 14.

We are committed to Catholic schools and will continue to work through innovation and collaboration with all interested parties.



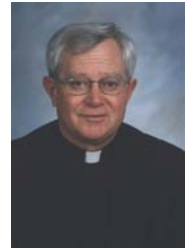
Michael Flick
Director

ASSOCIATE'S NOTES Home and Away

As the Director's Message, to the left, and the details on page two illustrate, XUCCE has a wide variety of programs both here on the campus and at other sites throughout the area. This semester I'm very pleased to be teaming with Dr. James Boothe to begin our fourth cohort's advancement to a master's degree in education. We are especially pleased to be teaching at Notre Dame Academy in Park Hills since both of us are Kentucky natives. Dr. Boothe is guiding our students through their first theoretical encounter with administration, and I am introducing them to the history and philosophy of education in the United States. We like to think that our experience in various schools, both Catholic and public, brings a practical focus to such abstract materials.

Crossing the river back to the archdiocese of Cincinnati, I have been joined by Dr. David Tobergte in assisting St. Nicholas Academy as it has added a third school to its covenant that was initiated two years ago by the joining of Holy Spirit grade school and St. John's grade school. The academy now moves to the building and grounds of our Lady of the Sacred Heart, in Reading, for its third year. Enrollment is now approaching 300 students, from just over 200 last year, and we're working with the principal, Gerry Meyers, to deal with the issues that arise from the move and the increase in size.

I have also been working with the Catholic Higher Education Collaboration, a national effort to bring the resources of the university to primary and secondary schools. The third of six national meetings is planned for next October at Fordham University. That conference will deal with academic excellence in Catholic schools.



Robert Bueter, S.J.
Associate Director

Center To Host Teacher Recognition Evening



The annual Archdiocese of Cincinnati teacher recognition program will be hosted by XUCCE at Xavier's Cintas Center on April 28. Over 900 Catholic teachers will be honored at the 2010 reception and dinner. Supporting the call to be a Catholic educator is what we are about – the call to academic excellence while educating children to become thoughtful, caring, and ethical members of our world.

Ann Buenger Catholic Speaker Series



Our fall 2009 speaker series featured Matthew Kelly, an internationally acclaimed speaker and a New York Times best-selling author. He presented *The Best Version of Yourself: A New Paradigm for Education* at the Cintas Center on October 29. Over 750 Catholic educators and interested community members attended the event. Each received a copy of Matthew Kelly's best selling book, *Rediscovering Catholicism*.

SACRE

School for Adult Catholic
Religious Education



Our very successful Spring 2010 program, *Dreams: A Path Through Life, Images of God, Images of Self*, was presented by Sr. Pat Brockman. SACRE is a program for teachers, catechists, RCIA teams, and interested adults. The workshops are facilitated by Dr. Brennan Hill (from Xavier's Theology Department) and Mrs. Jeanne Hunt (Advisor for Catechesis and Evangelization at St. Anthony Messenger Press). More information about future SACRE programs can be found on the XUCCE web site (<http://www.xavier.edu/cce/>) or by telephoning the Center at 513-745-3477.

Leadership Scholars



The Leadership Scholars Program is a mentoring program that pairs a scholar (a sixth-, seventh-, or eighth-grade student in an urban Catholic elementary school) with a leader (from a Catholic high school). The program's mission is to provide students with opportunities to develop their leadership abilities through focused leadership education and mentor relationships. XUCCE partners with Leadership Scholars by hosting a month-long summer camp (mid-June through mid-July) and other monthly events throughout the year. We are also hosting the end-of-year celebration on May 16th in the Duff Banquet Center for 200 students and 100 guests.

Master's Degree Update



Notre Dame Academy is the current site of our Master of Education (M.Ed.) degree program for Catholic educators. The first 12 semester hours of the 30 semester-hour degree are offered at Notre Dame Academy with the balance of the program's coursework being completed on Xavier's campus. We anticipate beginning a new cohort in January 2011. For more information contact the Office of Graduate Services at 513-745-3360.

DISCO



The spring 2010 program is continuing to assist schools, school systems, and other organizations in developing long-term comprehensive inclusion plans that will allow all stakeholders to become *culturally proficient*. The current cohort consists of 110 educators representing 10 local schools and districts. Graduate credit is available to Catholic school participants through the Xavier University Center for Catholic Education and to public school participants through the Xavier Center for Excellence in Education.