



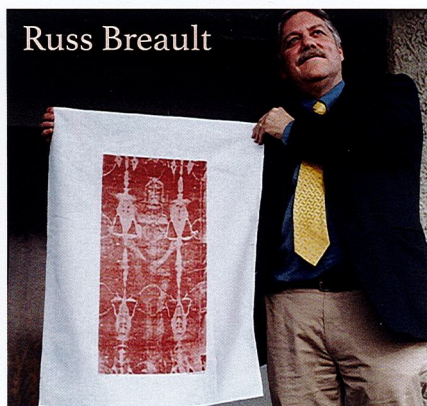
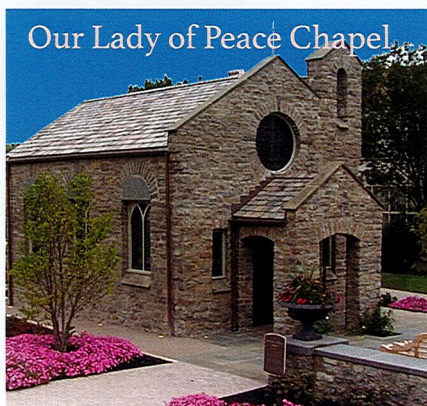
2022 Annual Report

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Message From the Executive Director

As we begin to move forward from the COVID pandemic, the Center for Catholic Education (XUCCE) and Xavier University have returned to mostly face-to-face meetings, workshops, and classes. Our Initiative for Catholic Schools program and the Ann Buenger Catholic Speaker Series also resumed face-to-face delivery.

The return to normalcy has allowed me time to begin relationships with other Xavier programs that can help provide leadership and services to our Catholic schools and organizations. I have met with the Montessori Program, Theology Department, Social Work Department, and our College of Nursing to discuss ways they can or already partner with Catholic institutions and XUCCE.

We are also working with the newly established Xavier Jesuit Academy to make the resources of XUCCE and our University available to help ensure their success.

This Annual Report gives a brief snapshot of our exciting projects for 2022.

Michael Flick

Archdiocese of Cincinnati Religion Teacher Certification

Administration of Xavier's Religion Teacher Certification Program was moved from the Secondary Education Program to XUCCE this year. Conversations between XUCCE, the Theology Department, and the Office of the Superintendent of Catholic Schools resulted in revisions to the program and field evaluation process. The Archdiocese of Cincinnati *Guidelines for Catholic High School Religion Certification* guided the process. In short, students seeking to teach religion need to major in Theology and minor in Religious Education. The Religious Education Minor focuses on teaching pedagogy while the Major in Theology instructs subject content. XUCCE will provide staff to visit and evaluate teacher candidates in their field experiences and advise those students as they progress through the certificate program.

A Vision of Greatness for Catholic Schools

*Our programs, workshops and services are made possible
by donations and grants.*

Professional Learning Communities (PLC) Program

The 13th year of our PLC Program resumed face-to-face and on-line instruction this year. This highly acclaimed partnership between XUCCE and the Archdiocese of Cincinnati Catholic Schools Office is a long standing professional development program for Catholic educators in the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky area. Our PLC program has monthly meetings from September thru April.

A professional learning community focuses on student learning using the model established by Rick and Becky DuFour. Application for participation is open to any Catholic school team in the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky area. Our 2022-23 cohort will have at least 12 schools. The application can be found at: <https://www.xavier.edu/cce/documents/icsfa.pdf>

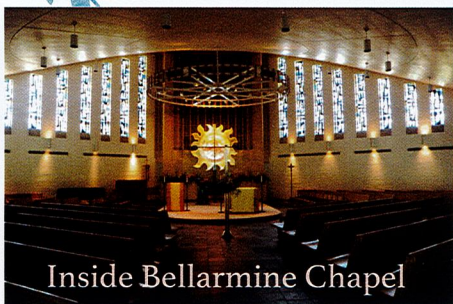
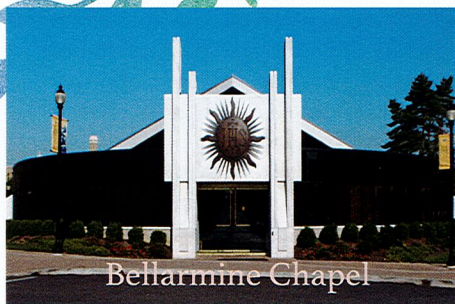
Xavier Jesuit Academy

The Xavier Jesuit Academy (XJA), a newly established Catholic, Jesuit, urban primary school is located in the former St. Agnes School building in the Bond Hill neighborhood. The school will open in August 2023 and will serve male students from modest economic backgrounds in grades 3 to 8. XUCCE hopes to help ensure the success of the new Xavier Jesuit Academy.

Ann Buenger Catholic Speaker Series

Xavier University's Center for Catholic Education presented the Ann Buenger Catholic Speaker Series on November 11, 2021. The keynote speaker was Russ Breault, presenting on the Shroud Encounter: Explore the Mystery. Mr. Breault has appeared in nationally televised documentaries including Mysteries of the Ancient World on CBS and was the primary expert for the History Channel's Uncovering the Face of Jesus. A full-size replica of the Shroud was available for viewing. As usual, the event was held at Xavier's Cintas Center and hosted over 350 guests. The number was about half the usual attendance due to COVID restrictions at the time.





Research

The Center continues to support research in Catholic schools through Doctoral dissertations in Xavier's Ed.D. program and Master degree research papers and thesis in the M.Ed. and M.A. programs. The Center provides connections with both the Diocese and individual Catholic schools as well as assistance with statistical analysis as needed by student researchers.

Square One

XUCCE partners with *Square One* - a not for profit organization that has programs that can be infused into the high school curriculum to develop student innovators for internships, experiential learning, and interactions with successful entrepreneurs. Dr. Flick serves *Square One* on the NEXT committee. NEXT prepares our next generation not only to deal with future challenges but to approach them as opportunities. XUCCE and the Williams College of Business sponsor NEXT competitions. For more information visit <https://ideastartgrow.com>.

Friars Club

Friars Club is another Catholic community based organization supported by XUCCE. They are a Catholic, Franciscan ministry. Friars Club's mission is to develop life skills in youth through sports, education, and leadership programming that is designed to enrich their lives and the community. For more information visit <https://www.friarsclubinc.org/>.

Xavier And Catholic Partners

The Xavier University Montessori Teacher Education Program honors its long time involvement with Catholic schools across the Cincinnati area. Mercy Montessori is an example of a partner who hosts student interns, field students, and visiting teachers from other schools.

Our College of Nursing is interested in establishing a formal affiliation agreement with the Archdiocese to place community nursing students in Catholic schools for clinical work. XUCCE is facilitating this process.

Xavier's Bachelor of Social Work program has long placed students for their social work field practicums at Su Casa and the Refugee Resettlement Program. Both of these are agencies of Catholic Charities of Southwestern Ohio. XUCCE continues to look for ways Social Work can partner with Catholic organizations.