Initiative for Catholic Schools
2018 - 2019
a program of the Xavier Center for Catholic Education

Introduction
Xavier University, in collaboration with the Archdiocese of Cincinnati Catholic Schools Office, has pioneered an outstanding professional development program for Catholic educators in the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky area for the past twelve years -- The Initiative for Catholic Schools (ICS). The 2018-2019 program is open to Catholic elementary and secondary school educators.

Professional Learning Communities
A professional learning community builds a collaborative culture that is focused on student learning and is driven by results. The year long series of workshops will concentrate on developing a professional learning community to ensure that all students in your school learn at a high level. Application for participation is open to any Catholic school team in the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky area. This class will develop a leadership team to implement the Professional Learning Community program in your school. The team must include the Principal.

The Requirements for a Participating School Include
+ participation of the principal and 2 teacher leaders
+ required monthly Friday workshop attendance 8:30-11:30 am for all participants. Afternoons are reserved for individual school team PLC planning, i.e., no formal instruction.
+ member schools’ entire faculty attend the Catholic Speaker Series Event

Each participant in the class will receive two graduate credit hours based on attending all sessions and completion of required assignments.

Team Outcomes/Benefits
+ developing and empowering teacher collaborators/leaders
+ shifting from a focus on teaching to a focus on learning
+ providing common planning time/creative scheduling
+ using results-oriented data to create student assignments
+ shared decision making through team leadership
+ a renewed passion for teaching

An on-line application form can be found at: http://www.xavier.edu/xucce/icsapplication.pdf