

Profiles in **CATHOLIC SCHOOL LEADERSHIP**

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I was one of those kids that played school when I was little. I have always loved education.

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I think that what we do in Catholic schools is the most important thing that can be done. God gives parents the gift of children. We get to play a part in that. Every day, by dropping their kids off at school, they say to us, “Would you share this gift that God has literally handed to us? Would you share this incredible responsibility with us? Would you help us raise this child to become somebody who loves God and loves others?” The most important thing that anyone could do is to raise a child well and especially raise a child in faithfulness to God. I get the incredible joy of watching the students and their families and being part of their lives as they grow. This is what motivates me. It is a joy all around.

God has given many beautiful gifts to us. Catholic education is about developing the gift of ourselves as God intends us to be and then sharing ourselves with others. We help children develop into who God created them to be so they can share their gifts and use them to give God glory. Catholic education requires children to go deep to learn about themselves and God’s creation. It is hard work and it requires persistence.

As a principal, I work with many people and deal with many different situations. I handle things that affect people’s lives, hearts and the growth of children. I am responsible for a lot of people’s jobs and a lot of children’s learning. This is a humbling thought and it is a great responsibility. This work requires a lot of grace and help every day.



I pray for God's wisdom in difficult situations. I do not know how I would do this without faith and without the actual grace of God given to me as a gift, unearned. He gives me what I need to do this and I am confident that He will continue to as long as this is what He wants.

For anyone who is discerning a future in Catholic school leadership, I encourage you to have a strong prayer life. It is a beautiful gift to be entrusted to share in the joy of helping raise children and lead them to Jesus, but it is also a great responsibility. It involves just about every aspect of who you are as a person and every gift that you have. Pray. Be close to Jesus. Through Him we can do all things.

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