



Initiative for Catholic Schools

2021 - 2022

a program of the Xavier Center for Catholic Education

Initiative Goals:

- † To develop and strengthen leadership in Catholic schools
- † To improve student learning and retention
- † To implement a student oriented pedagogy

Calendar for 2021 - 2022:

Sep 17, 2021

Oct 15, 2021

Nov 12, 2021

Dec 10, 2021

Jan 7, 2022

Feb 11, 2022

Mar 11, 2022

Apr 8, 2022

All sessions

run from:

8:30 - 11:30 am

New Principals are required at all sessions.

Returning Principals are required to attend Sep 17 and 3 additional sessions.

Catholic Speaker Series: *The Heavens Proclaim*

November 11, 2021

Cintas Center

3:30 pm - 6:00 pm

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 2021-2022 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 Archdiocese or Covington Diocese. 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. It is suggested that you reserve the afternoons for individual school team PLC planning.
- † member schools' entire faculty attend the Catholic Speaker Series

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.xucce.net/icsapplication.pdf>

