



INSTITUTE FOR CATHOLIC LIBERAL EDUCATION

Aspiring School Leaders Program Course Syllabus

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Purpose: This six-month, online school leader training program aims to prepare classroom teachers to move into school leadership positions in Catholic liberal arts schools.

Format: Two monthly meetings will take place each month from 7:30pm-9:00pm (Eastern Standard Time) on Wednesday evenings. Each month, an assignment will be given to reinforce the topics and put them into action. During the course of the program, participants will also receive 1 one-on-one advising session with the program leader. An ICLE Certificate of Completion will be awarded for successful completion of the program. Each monthly meeting will include a presentation of content. The second monthly meeting will review content and also include a guided professional discussion using real school scenarios.

Presentations: Presentations are grounded in what it means to be an authentic Catholic School and how this should impact every aspect of leadership. Presentations start with the theoretical and move onto the practical in a way that offers personalized support and guidance to participants. The presentations include Church teaching as much as possible as well as relying on the great saints in Catholic education and formation. Presentations also offer real life examples from various schools and offer as much practical advice as possible.

Topics:

1. Mission and Vision Statements - January 15 and 29th, 2025
2. Parent Education and Faculty Formation - February 12th and 19th, 2025
3. Curriculum Integration and Themes - March 12 and 26th, 2025
4. Prayer and Culture - April 9th and 23rd, 2025
5. Enrollment Management and Marketing - May 14th and 28th, 2025
6. Hiring Staff and Budgeting and Discipline - June 4th and 18th, 2025

Practical Course Details:

- An assignment is given on the first meeting of the month and the participants have the month to complete it. These will be assigned at the end of the first class of each month and due the first class of the following month. They should be emailed directly to dflynn@catholicliberaleducation.org
- Zoom calls will all be recorded for asynchronous viewing later. Presentation slides will be shared following the presentation.
- Phone calls will be pre-scheduled at mutually agreed upon times.