CATHOLIC EDUCATION IS OUR CALLING

For nearly 20 years, the University of Dayton Center for Catholic Education has honored our Marianist tradition through partnerships, scholarship and resource assistance with Catholic schools locally, nationally and globally. The center’s mission has driven the ideals of formation in faith, integrated quality education, family spirit, service, justice and peace. Most of all, we have led through periods of adaptation and change.

Our Mission:
“The University of Dayton Center for Catholic Education embodies Marianist values to serve and lead the local, national and global Catholic school community through collaboration, research and creative action.”

The Center for Catholic Education is proud to be a university-based center specifically designed to meet the needs of Catholic school teachers, leaders and students. We are honored by the support and family spirit of our partners. We look to you for continued planning, mission-driven initiatives, academic excellence, leadership development and the means to create operational vitality for Catholic education.

The National Standards and Benchmarks for Effective Catholic Secondary and Elementary Schools and archdiocesan and diocesan partners’ strategic plans provide fresh frameworks for the cultivation of faith and academic excellence. When the Marianist spirit and the framework of these standards coalesce, the result is practical wisdom that leads to innovation and the renewal of our commitment to Catholic school students, their families and the community the Catholic Church serves.

What can we do together? How shall we look to success of the past to better envision the future? Allow us to show you our mutual successes — how we dream, pray and serve the students, families, administrators and teachers within Catholic education so they, in turn, serve God’s Kingdom.

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Lalanne is a teacher service program that places new teachers in under-resourced Catholic schools and provides a community of faith to grow in as they teach — and learn. Now in its 14th year, the program has cultivated a contagious sense of community among Catholic educators. Is it making a difference? Definitely.

The effects of poverty often impede the education of children who live in under-resourced neighborhoods. Many of these children are bombarded with negative influences in their communities, and their schools have become “safe places” for them. The negative impacts of poverty often cause behavioral and emotional issues that require the expertise of our licensed counselors and family advocates. Some examples of these obstacles are: exposure to addiction, violence, discrimination, separation or physical and sexual abuse. The Urban Child Development Resource Center (UCDRC) aids teachers and administrators in helping children overcome these obstacles to learning.

The role of our counselor is vital to the success of our students both emotionally and academically.

Of Lalanne’s 132 graduates, 90 percent of them have remained in education. More importantly, 90 percent of those teachers are still serving in Catholic schools. Those numbers are inspirational, and that is why we continue to grow our program despite cuts in federal funding.

In fact, our Lalanne program helped the University of Dayton claim a spot on the President’s Higher Education Community Service honor roll — the highest federal recognition a university can receive for its commitment to service.

We are preparing the next leaders in Catholic education. Lalanne teachers are dedicated to providing a quality Catholic education to students — and communities — who have the greatest need. And, in this time of great change, the leadership, vision and growth of these teachers are a beacon of hope.

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To learn more, visit go.udayton.edu/lalanne.

The interventions that the UCDRC staff provides include:
- Psycho-education: Second Step®: A Violence Prevention Curriculum
- Talking About Touching: A Personal Safety Curriculum
- Counseling and consultation for individuals, groups, and families
- Consultation and in-service training for faculty and administration
- Crisis intervention and safety assessments
- Clinical referrals with follow-up
- Clinical observation and screening
- Partnerships with other agencies to address health and safety education
- Social work to help families meet basic needs and connect with community services

UCDRC is faithful to its mission to enable students to achieve their full potential by empowering students and their families to achieve emotional, physical and spiritual health within their own cultural framework.

To learn more, visit go.udayton.edu/ucdrc.
We are here to help in your call to teach and lead in a Catholic school. The St. Remy Initiative was created to help you strengthen the academic, spiritual and managerial dimensions of your ministry.

As a partnership between the University of Dayton Center for Catholic Education and the Catholic school office of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, the St. Remy Initiative offers leadership development that is much richer than conventional professional development.

Principals learn to harness their gifts and become visionary leaders in their schools. Teachers are empowered to ignite passion and hope for the mission of Catholic education — and they are prepared to become the next leaders.

The St. Remy Initiative brings you into fellowship with others who strive for the same goals: to teach and lead inclusively with faith, compassion and justice.

To learn more, visit go.udayton.edu/stremy.

The Catholic Education Summit invites all who have an interest in Catholic education to come together on campus — in person or virtually — in a spirit of faith and collaboration. Teachers, philanthropists, principals, families, superintendents, social service agents, university professors, diocesan officials, legislators, pastors and directors of the National Catholic Educational Association bring their stories, joys and challenges in a spirit of hope to move Catholic education forward.

Both informative and inspirational, the summit allows the University of Dayton to share our commitment to Catholic education — and Catholic educators — from across the nation and around the world in the common mission of the Church.

At each summit, our speakers are always motivational and thought-provoking. We know this is because you — in addition to our esteemed panelists each year — will always have a voice in our summit.

To learn more about our Catholic Education Summit, please visit our website at go.udayton.edu/cee/summit.

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We face great obstacles — ones that can only be solved by coming together in community and addressing them truthfully and imaginatively. Supported by the academic expertise and resources of a top-tier research university, the summit allows Catholic educators to learn and share best practices, plan classroom implementation and foster the gifts of this ministry of the Church.

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