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NCEA Mission Statement

Rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) is a professional membership organization that provides leadership, direction and service to fulfill the evangelizing, catechizing and teaching mission of the Church.



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Letter from the Executive Director

Dear CACE Colleagues:

Happy Catholic Schools Week!

January 29-February 5, 2012

<http://catholicschoolsweek.ncea.org>



Bitter Sweet News. We received word this week that Sr. Jane Herb, President of the CACE Executive Committee, was elected President of her IHM Congregation for the next six years. The appointment will become effective July 1, at which time she will be leaving her position as Superintendent of Schools in the Diocese of Albany. Although this is a distinct honor and a call to greater service in her congregation, it will be a tremendous loss for the Diocese of Albany. In spite of her new responsibilities, Sr. Jane hopes to stay connected to CACE and NCEA. Please join me in congratulating and thanking her for an unwavering commitment to CACE, the Diocese of Albany, and Catholic school leadership development in the United States. jane.herb@rcda.org

CACE 2012 Planning. Last month, the CACE Executive Committee convened and had a very productive planning session for the CACE 2012 Annual Meeting in San Diego. We are moving along with securing keynote speakers and presenters and will announce them as soon as confirmations are made. The Committee also developed some new formats for the breakout sessions, including interactive "think tank" discussions on priority topics for CACE members linked to our goals and objectives as a department.

NCEA Convention & Expo in Boston. The Early Bird deadline of February 22 is approaching fast. See the information that follows for hotel and registration details to ensure the best rates for the Convention. CACE will have more than 40 sponsored sessions this year, including a series of pre-Convention workshops hosted by Boston College titled *Agents of Change: Governance for Our Catholic Schools*. We look forward to seeing you in Boston!

Blessings and thanks to all for your excellent work this Catholic Schools Week.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Michael G. Caruso, Ph.D.

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NCEA 2012

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EARLY BIRD DEADLINE APPROACHING

Hurry! Registration Rates Increase February 22!

You still have [time to register](#) for NCEA 2012 and save on registration fees with our "[Early Bird](#)" promotion. The early bird deadline for NCEA 2012 is approaching soon, so register early and save.

The convention welcomes colleagues in the educational ministries of the church, including educators, catechists, administrators, pastors and parents from throughout the nation. The convention is a time to celebrate, to acquire new knowledge, and to renew your spirit.

Enjoy more than 300 [professional development sessions](#), general sessions, beautiful liturgies, and [so much more](#). Be sure to save time to visit the [Expo hall](#) to get the latest in educational technology, products, and services. NCEA 2012 promises to be a rich educational experience for all who attend.

[Register online today](#) to save \$50 on your registration fee! You don't want to miss the NCEA Convention & Expo, April 11-13 (W-F), 2012, at the John B. Hynes Veterans Memorial Convention Center in Boston, Massachusetts.

We hope to see you there!

change



AGENTS OF CHANGE: GOVERNANCE FOR OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Boston College ♦ April 10, 2012



Featured Change Workshops:

- ♦ The Bridgeport Model with Dr. Margaret A. Dames, Superintendent, Diocese of Bridgeport, CT
- ♦ Jubilee Schools with Dr. Mary McDonald, Superintendent, Diocese of Memphis, TN
- ♦ Cristo Rey Network with Mr. Jeff Thielman, President, Cristo Rey School, Boston, MA

Participation: Central Office leadership teams of 2 to 3 people.

Registration: E-mail roche.center@bc.edu by February 29, 2012 to receive a link to the online registration form.

Fee: \$40 per two-person team. \$50 per three-person team.

Preliminary Schedule

- 8:30 Arrival and light fare
- 9:00 Prayer, welcome & opening remarks
- 9:30 Change Workshop I
- 11:30 Working Lunch
- 12:15 Break
- 12:30 Change Workshop II
- 2:30 Closing remarks
- 3:00 Depart for NCEA

Agents of Change: Governance for Catholic Schools, a one-day workshop on innovative systems-based governance models sponsored by the Roche Center for Catholic Education and the National Catholic Educational Association's (NCEA) Department of Chief Administrators of Catholic Education and Department of Boards and Councils of Catholic Education. Participants will be given inside knowledge on three governance models from the experts who lead them and the time to consider the adoption or adaptation of components of these models in order to lead their own successful change initiatives. This unique opportunity is conveniently scheduled to take place on Tuesday, April 10, 2012 at Boston College in Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts, the day before the opening of the NCEA Convention in Boston.

NCEA Events

2012 NCEA Special Needs Conference

February 9 – 11, 2012

San Diego, CA



As Catholic educators, we are committed to making Catholic education available to all students. This annual conference, designed for K-12 teachers and administrators, will offer practical strategies to empower you to meet the needs of all students. Workshops will specifically target elementary or high school audiences. All of our presenters are practitioners who will offer practical and concrete strategies that you can implement in your school.

The setting for this year's conference is sunny San Diego and our hotel is on the bay. This will be a wonderful learning opportunity - as well as a chance to escape winter for a few days!

This conference is eligible for Title II-A funding. For more information and to download the conference registration form, please [go here](#).

NCEA Convention & Expo

April 11-13, 2012 (Wednesday – Friday)

Boston, MA

EARLY-BIRD RATE FOR REGISTRATION ENDS ON FEBRUARY 22.

STARTING, FEBRUARY 23, RATES WILL INCREASE.

For more information: <http://www.ncea.org/events/NCEABostonCentral.asp>

Convention Registration: <https://www.xpressreg.net/register/ncea042/start.asp>

Hotels (Register NOW!): <https://www.tphousing.com/r/startres.asp?eicode=2212&attcode=72>



Catholic School Leadership Institute

July 9 – July 12, 2012

Alexandria, Virginia

Elementary and high school principals and assistant principals are often asked to begin their ministry of administration with little background and are often overwhelmed by the diversity of requirements needed for the position.

In order to meet the needs of beginning principals and to support and encourage experienced principals, the NCEA has developed a summer workshop which will provide ongoing formation and support and at the same time reinvigorate those who already face the daily challenges of administration. Those teachers who are considering the ministry of administration will find the program a valuable opportunity to share their ideas and learn from experienced administrators. The workshop is designed for elementary and high school personnel.

Workshop costs may be eligible for Title II-A funding.

<http://ncea.org/departments/elementary/CatholicSchoolLeadershipInstitute2012.asp>

NCEA Public Policy Update

Save the Date! 10th Annual Education Law Symposium

Sponsored by NCEA and St. Catharine College, Kentucky will be held July 12-15, 2012, at the Brown Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky. More information is available on the [NCEA website](#).

ESEA Waivers

As ESEA reauthorization efforts stall in Congress, the U.S. Secretary of Education is offering states the opportunity to modify some of the provisions of the current law. Among the possibilities is that of using Title I funds that were set aside for providing public school students with supplemental education services, public school choice, etc. Those funds are now subject to the equitable provisions for private school student requirements if used for programs that benefit public school students. In addition to Title I funds, districts may transfer money from other Titles into programs that might impact the ability of private schools to participate as the law intends.

In the first round of applications, 14 states have requested waivers and an additional 30 are applying in the second round. The U.S. Department of Education has issued guidance to all state education departments (SEAs) reminding them of their equitable participation obligations.

Action needed: It is incumbent upon private school officials to deal directly with the SEA and the local districts (LEAs) to remind them of the equity provision and to seek inclusion in the waiver application process and/or implementation plans. NCEA has been collaborating with the Council for the Advancement of Private Education (CAPE) and others to maximize constituent access to the services funds private school students generate. On the [NCEA website](#) are sample letters that we request you adapt and send to your state education commissioner and a district letter that you can adapt for use with those who negotiate the services for schools in each LEA.

Religious Liberty

In early January, the U.S. Supreme Court (*Hosanna-Tabor Evangelical Lutheran Church and School v. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission--EEOC--et al*) decided a religious liberty case pertaining to religious exemptions in hiring to protect the rights of religious groups "in choosing who will preach their beliefs, teach their faith and carry out their mission."

Within two weeks of the *Hosanna-Tabor* decision, a regulation promulgated by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) regarding mandates in the healthcare law so limits the exemption for "religious employers" that most faith-based organizations will not qualify. Consequently, in violation of their religious tenets, faith-based employers must provide healthcare insurance plans that include coverage for all forms of contraception approved by the Food and Drug Administration. If healthcare coverage is not provided, the employer will pay large penalties. It appears that only Catholic institutions that employ only Catholics and serve only Catholics will be approved for the ministerial exception. The American bishops are now urging Catholics and others of good will to fight this unprecedented attack on conscience rights and religious liberty. More information can be found at the [USCCB website](#).

Teaching Fellowship Opportunity

Private school teachers are eligible to apply to the U.S. Department of Education's program. There are three options available: a year-long fellowship at the DC office, and two part-time fellowships, in conjunction with departmental regional offices. The application deadline is February 22, 2012. Details are available on the [Teaching Ambassador Fellowship website](#).

For additional updates on public policy issues, go to www.ncea.org and click on Public Policy, or contact Dale McDonald, PBVM, Ph.D., Director of Research and Public Policy, at mcdonald@ncea.org.

NCEA Departmental Newsletters

NCEA Departmental Newsletters available online to CACE members

As a service to CACE members, all NCEA departmental electronic newsletters are available by clicking on the appropriate link listed below. Please make use of these newsletters and share them with your colleagues who might benefit from the information provided.

- Elementary Department: <http://www.ncea.org/departments/elementary/IndexofElementaryNews.asp>
- Secondary Department: <http://www.ncea.org/departments/secondary/newsletters/enews/>
- Religious Education: <http://www.ncea.org/departments/religious/newsletter/>

NCEA Job Bank

Job Bank

NCEA is pleased to offer its members the services of a Job Bank to make known the various openings in Catholic education and catechetical ministry throughout the United States. Individuals seeking employment in Catholic education may post their resumes/CV here as well. To access the Job Bank, [click here!](#)

CACE Member Message Board

Request for Prayers

Dan Curtin is back up and about doing the good work of Catholic education. Last week, he unexpectedly had gastrointestinal bleeding as a result of some medication he was taking for his knee. He wound up being hospitalized and had three blood transfusions to get back to normal. We want to make sure Dan has prayers to accompany his doctors' orders. He's back visiting schools and meeting on Catholic school projects, if you can believe it. Praise God!

Updating Your Records

Keeping our records up-to-date ensures that you will receive access to your member benefits and enables us to produce a more accurate membership directory. If you need to update your membership information or would like to announce the addition of a new member, please contact Meg DeBoe at mdeboe@ncea.org.

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