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Monthly E-Newsletter

We proudly launched our new redesigned website! As a result you are privy to exclusive member content. So please be sure to sign-in or register with our new website to view full stories and resources found in this newsletter.



A Beautiful Garment We Offer to God

I once heard a story about a woman who wove a beautiful white garment. The woman spent many hours on the garment and it was admired by many. She offered her garment at her church to honor God.

Another woman, upon seeing the woman's garment, decided to make one, too. She too, made her garment white, but she wove in five different colors. The result was even more beautiful than the original garment and many, many people enjoyed her work. She also offered her garment to God.

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Care for God's Creation

Principals Forum and Boot Camp!



What is one way that NCEA can better show our care for God's creation?

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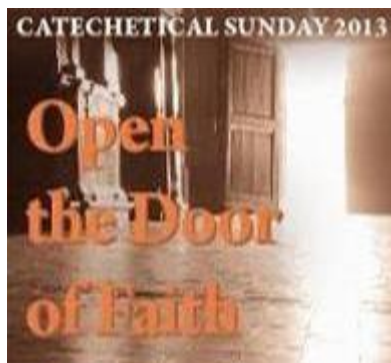


Registration is Now Open!

This year, in conjunction with our annual Principals Forum, NCEA is proud to announce our Principals Boot Camp!

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Catechetical Sunday



Around the world Catholics mark the third Sunday in September as Catechetical Sunday.

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Considering Minorities



As I consider our work with Hispanic students, their families, and the real challenges they face.

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Twitter a Great Resource



Principals, last month I wrote about how you could use Twitter to build awareness of your school and use it as a news delivery device.

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Companions on the Journey



I have been blessed in my profession as a Catholic school educator to have served a multiracial, and diverse cultural student population that has enriched my life beyond measure.

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Cultural Invigoration and Academic Progress



Over one hundred years ago, St. Adalbert Catholic School was established on the West Side of South Bend, Indiana, by Felician Sisters from Poland.

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De La Salle Blackfeet School and the Divine Mercy Chaplet



My first principal job was at De La Salle Blackfeet School in Browning, Montana.

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Art Education



“The arts are an essential element of education, just like reading, writing, and arithmetic...”

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English Language Learners



English language learners in Catholic schools succeed when teachers and administrators are able to provide students with the academic resources they need.

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Systematic Instruction



Systematic instruction incorporates phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and handwriting.

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God's Ear



Isn't it one of the wonderful perks of our profession to have the amazingly poignant, inspirational and downright hilarious stories of our trade?

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Committee Member



The Elementary Schools Department welcomes our newest colleague on the Executive Committee (DESEC), Mr. Robert C. "Bob" Herring. Bob is the principal of Nativity School in Cincinnati, Ohio.?

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Principals to Be Honored



The NAESP has announced the names of the public and private elementary school principals who will be presented the National Distinguished Principal Award.

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Distinguished Awards are Now Open!



NCEA and its membership departments recognize the countless professional individuals, organizations, and students that are ambassadors of Catholic education,

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