

Program for Teacher Excellence Day

September 17, 2010

Meany Hall

University of Washington



7:30-8:25 a.m. Registration, Vendor Exhibits and Coffee.

Audience: All Educators, Principals and Pastors.

8:30-9:00 a.m. Opening Prayer and Introductions.

9:00-10:30 a.m. Keynote Address: "The Importance of Catholic Schools-A National Perspective."

Catholic schools nationwide have been tremendously successful, so successful in fact that they often serve as models for other schools and sectors. This session will review some of the most important and dramatic successes of Catholic schools, with a view to understanding what teachers have done to contribute to this remarkable and consistent success. The session concludes with concrete suggestions for assisting teachers to persevere in maintaining these high levels of achievement and engagement.

Presenter: Rev. Ronald J. Nuzzi, University of Notre Dame.

10:30-11:15 a.m. Break -Vendor Exhibits, Beverages and Light Snacks.

11:15-12:45 p.m. "The Importance of Catholic Schools-A Classroom Perspective."

In this age of accountability, teacher evaluation is a concern shared in public, private, and Catholic schools. Assuming that the definition of good teaching is related to student learning, this session explores the characteristics of effective classroom teachers and describes in detail what effective classrooms look like. Veteran educators will find great affirmation here; novice educators will hear great advice, all based on recent research. We conclude with a call for a deepening teacher spirituality, rooted in the sacramental life of the Church.

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12:45-1:00 p.m. Pastor Excellence & Educator Excellence Awards and Conclusion.

1:00-1:30 p.m. Vendor Exhibits.

