



Archdiocese of Seattle Appoints Members of Special Taskforce

Seattle, WA, August 13, 2020 – Today the Archdiocese of Seattle announced the members of its Special Taskforce for Catholic Schools led by Father Ronald Nuzzi. Requested by Archbishop Paul. D. Etienne, this taskforce will spend the next year studying church teachings, examining best practices among Catholic educators, and developing a set of recommendations about the renewal of the Ministerial Covenant.

“The Ministerial Covenant ensures our employees reflect our Catholic faith, which is core to the identity of our Catholic schools,” said Archbishop Etienne. “I’m so grateful these volunteers are willing to journey with us researching, reviewing, discussing and praying about how we can ensure employees represent the joy of the Catholic faith.”

Pastors, principals and parishioners from around the archdiocese nominated individuals to be part of this unique advisory body. After a review of dozens of submissions, the archbishop appointed the following members:

- Sandy Barton Smith – Assistant Superintendent for Catholic Schools, St. Philomena, Des Moines
- Caroline Cacabelos – Teacher, Kennedy Catholic High School, Burien
- Kristin Dixon – Superintendent for Catholic Schools, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Seattle
- Annie Dolan – Parent, St. Joseph, Issaquah
- Frank Feeman – Grandparent, St. John the Evangelist, Seattle
- Nicholas Ford – Principal, Our Lady of Fatima
- Father Vincent Gilmore – Pastor, Holy Rosary, Edmonds
- Dr. Erin Luby – Principal, Seattle Preparatory School
- Father Kurt Nagel – Pastor, Holy Family, Kirkland
- Lauren White – Teacher, Bishop Blanchet High School, Seattle

“I’m so grateful for the diversity and richness of experience reflected in this group,” said Father Nuzzi, professor emeritus at the University of Notre Dame, who is known for his published resources for Catholic educators and his leadership programs for Catholic school principals.

Taskforce members will prepare for and participate in 12 meetings scheduled from August 2020 through June 2021. The initial meeting will be in late August when they will celebrate a commissioning Mass with the archbishop and create the work plan for the remainder of the year.

About the Archdiocese of Seattle

The Archdiocese of Seattle encompasses all of Western Washington, stretching from Canada to Oregon and from the Cascade Mountains to the Pacific Ocean. There are 72 Catholic schools, 169 parishes, missions and pastoral centers in the archdiocese, with more than 500 weekly Masses celebrated in eight languages.

Archbishop Paul D. Etienne leads the archdiocese with his two auxiliary bishops, Bishop Eusebio Elizondo and Bishop Daniel Mueggenborg. For more information about the Archdiocese of Seattle, visit seattlearchdiocese.org.

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