

# **Smart Choices & Bold Designs:**

## **A Leadership Conference for Catholic High School Leaders**

FEBRUARY 4 TO 6, 2010 ♦ MARRIOTT RENAISSANCE ARTS ♦ NEW ORLEANS

### **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4**

- 7:30 AM Breakfast service begins
- 9:00 AM Introductions—Christiane Connors  
Welcome—Karen Ristau, Ed.D.  
*President, NCEA*  
Opening Prayer  
Introduction from Mutual of America—Renee Shew  
*Vice President, Washington, D.C. Office*
- 9:30 AM *“A Call to Arms: Cultivating Mission, Philanthropy and Public Support for Successful Catholic School Leadership”* Mary McDonald, Ed.D.
- 10:45 AM Break
- 11:00 AM *“Building School Community, Culture & Mission,”* Dotty McCrea, Ed.D.
- Noon Lunch
- 1:00 PM *“Crossroads: Where School Culture Meets Strategy,”* Dotty McCrea, Ed.D.
- 2:00 PM *Leading to Change: Setting Realistic Goals,”* Bill Ford, Ed.D.
- 3:00 PM Adjourn
- 4:00 PM Mass with Archbishop Aymond at St. Patrick’s Church (see map for directions)

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### **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5**

- 7:30 AM Breakfast service begins
- 9:00 AM Opening Prayer
- 9:15 AM “*Strategic Leading & Designing for School Sustainability, Part I,*” Bill Ford, Ed.D.
- 10:15 AM Break
- 10:30 AM “*Effective School Leader and Board Chair Relationships,*” moderated by Cynthia Thomas, Ed.D. with head of school, Charlie DiGange, from Holy Cross Academy, New Orleans, and three school Board Chairs (present and former)
- Noon Lunch
- 1:00 PM “*Strategic Leading & Designing for School Sustainability, Part II,*” Bill Ford, Ed.D.
- 1:45 PM Break
- 2:00 PM “*Leading for Change,*” Sr. Mary Frances Taymans, SND, Ed.D.
- 3:30 PM Adjourn
- 4:30 PM Reception with light snacks and beverages

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### **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6**

- 7:30 AM Breakfast service begins
- 9:00 AM Opening Prayer
- 9:15 AM *“What Leadership Issues Keep You Up at Night?”* Dotty McCrea, Ed.D.,  
Bill Ford, Ed.D., Sr. Mary Frances Taymans, SND, Ed.D.
- 10:15 AM Break
- 10:30 AM *“World Café: Building Knowledge to Implement,”* Sr. Mary Frances Taymans, SND,  
Ed.D., Dotty McCrea, Ed.D., Bill Ford, Ed.D.
- 11:30 AM Setting Forth, Staying in Touch, Evaluations—Christiane Connors  
Adjourn

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