

# Design for Success: New Configurations for Catholic Schools



## Conversations in Excellence

June 26-28, 2008

Boston College

### Arrival and Departure Times

**Begins:** Plan to arrive and check in anytime on Thursday, June 26. (Optional pre-conference "Strategic Planning—Choosing the Right Method for Your Situation/Enterprise" begins at 1:00 pm.) The regular program begins Thursday at 6:00 pm with a dinner program.

**Ends:** Saturday at 8:30 pm. To get the most out of Saturday evening, we suggest that you depart on Sunday.

### Free Time

Friday dinner and evening will be on your own to explore Boston if you wish.

### The Topic

In an effort to support Catholic education in challenging times, many parishes and dioceses have created school configurations that are alternatives to the one-parish/one-school model. In some situations new configurations are necessary to remain viable. This symposium will showcase creative successful attempts to pull together human and financial resources to address current realities of Catholic schools, such as shifting demographics, affordability, influential marketing, and condition of buildings. Speakers will present the latest thought, data, trends, and projections. Some questions that will be addressed are: What reconfigurations are being tried and how are they working? What new things are possible because of the new configurations? What governance structures are proving effective? What happens when creative imagination meets Canon Law and how do you work in and with Canon Law?

### What is SPICE?

Conversations in Excellence is part of *Selected Programs for Improving Catholic Education* (SPICE), a project to identify, validate, and share innovative Catholic school programs that work so that other educators may adapt or replicate them. Participants will hear talks by nationally recognized leaders in the focus area, learn about selected exemplary programs that will be showcased, network, and engage in conversations that may produce ideas for replicating or adapting the programs in your own setting. A different theme is selected each year. The proceedings will then be disseminated through the Web and various publications. SPICE is cosponsored by NCEA and Boston College.

### Who may attend?

All educators who want to engage in conversations that may produce ideas for improving, replicating, or adapting programs in their own setting are invited. Superintendents and assistant superintendents, principals and other administrators, pastors, curriculum staff, and board members may be particularly interested. This registration form may be printed and submitted to the address indicated.

### Housing and Meals

The Boston College Center for Catholic Education has arranged for housing to be available to educators attending the SPICE Conference events on Campus. Housing is provided in a dormitory suite, typically consisting of two, three, or four bedrooms (with two single beds in each bedroom), a shared bath, a sitting room, and a kitchenette. Both double-occupancy and single-occupancy (of the bedroom) are available. Meals will be provided from Thursday dinner through Saturday dinner (except for Friday dinner). Coffee and snacks will be provided throughout the symposium.

**Nationally Known Speakers** — will bring cutting-edge ideas and research.

**Rev. Bryan Hehir**, professor at Harvard Univ.; **Rev. Philip Brown**, assistant professor of Canon Law, The Catholic University of America; **Dr. Karen Ristau**, president of NCEA; **Rev. Joseph O'Keefe, SJ**, dean of the Lynch School of Education, Boston College; and **Dr. Bea Mah Holland**, consultant and executive coach to increase effectiveness

### Contact Information

Regarding housing and registration: Terri Alden at Boston College: [catholic.education@bc.edu](mailto:catholic.education@bc.edu) or (617) 552-4187

Regarding the program: Regina Haney in Washington: [haney@ncea.org](mailto:haney@ncea.org) or (202) 337-6232

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Registration & Housing Form

Deadline for Registration and Housing: May 28, 2008

Attendee Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Person to contact in case of emergency (Required): \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Pre-Conference Session on Strategic Planning, Thurs. 1-4 pm: (Free, but optional. Must check here to register.)

Full Conference – Single Room (if available): \$600 (Thursday through Sunday morning, 3 nights)

- Includes conference participation, materials, room for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday (3) nights with Sunday checkout, and meals Thursday dinner through Saturday lunch. (except Friday dinner – free time in Boston).

Full Conference – Double Room:\* \$550 (Thursday through Sunday morning, 3 nights)

- Includes conference participation, materials, room for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday (3) nights with Sunday checkout, and meals Thursday dinner through Saturday lunch (except Friday dinner – free time).

Commuter Registration: \$300

- Includes conference participation, materials, and meals (Thursday dinner through Saturday dinner [except Friday dinner – free time]).

Parking: If you will require parking while on campus please check here. Boston College has new parking regulations and fees in place. If you have checked here, we will follow up with more detailed parking information.

\*Roommate: If you select double occupancy (both beds in the room are filled), please chose one of the following:

No Roommate Preference

Roommate Preference (name): \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival at Boston College: Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Approximate Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Departure from Boston College: Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Approximate Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Payment: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (All costs must be paid in advance.)

Check (Please make your check payable to: NCEA.)

VISA  MasterCard

\_\_\_\_\_ Card Number

\_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date

\_\_\_\_\_ Name as it appears on Card

\_\_\_\_\_ Signature

Submission Methods:

Mail to: Boston College, SPICE Registration, The Center for Catholic Education, 194 Beacon Street, Chestnut Hill, MA 02467

Fax to: (617) 552-0812

CHANGE OR CANCELLATION: If you need to cancel or change your reservation, notify Terri Alden (617-552-4187 or catholic.education@bc.edu) at Boston College Center for Catholic Education as early as possible. Thank you!