



Year in Review

The 2017-2018 school year has been marked with significant achievements. The annual focus on **renewal** – personal, classroom and the larger school community, was the basis of the Ministerial Formation Program content. Over 245 teachers from San Diego, Orange, San Francisco and Santa Rosa participated in the multiple in-services. Along with our member schools, we also offered the Ministerial Formation Program to the FIAT schools in San Diego, reaching another 71 teachers.

We were able to evaluate our program effectiveness through the completion of an Impact Study. Through the Study, we learned that 90% of member schools have traditions/practices in place that reflect the charism of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange. The Study showed that the most value the Network offers is through:

1. *Spiritual formation for teachers*
2. *Sense of community connectedness and belonging*
3. *Exchange of ideas, resources and techniques across schools*

Journey Forward

Our list of triumphs continues to grow as we look toward our next milestone, the **30th Anniversary** of the CSJ Educational Network. From the bottom of our hearts, we are thankful that you have partnered with us to be builders of unity and instruments of reconciliation. For without you, we would not be able to celebrate our past, present and future accomplishments.



Important Dates

- 8/16 Ministerial Formation - FIAT
- 8/17 Ministerial Formation - San Diego
- 8/20 Ministerial Formation - San Francisco
- 8/22 Ministerial Formation - OC North
- 8/23 Ministerial Formation - OC South
- 10/1 Ministerial Formation - Humboldt
- 10/3 Ministerial Formation - OC South
- 10/5 Ministerial Formation - San Diego
- 10/9 Principals' Meeting
- 10/12 Advisory Committee Meeting
- 10/26 Ministerial Formation - OC North



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Moving Forward Together

As we end our chapter on 2017-2018, we endearingly look back at what we have accomplished this year as well as in the past. With each changing season we are blessed with growth and new opportunities that lay ahead. The continued success of the CSJ Educational Network is possible because of the support of like-minded people who help carry out our ministry. We want to use this issue to celebrate our achievements while we continue our journey together.

A word from the Director of the CSJ Educational Network, Sr. Judith Dugan, CSJ



*"The time has come", the Walrus said,
"To talk of many things:
Of where we are and where we are going
Of what the future brings."*

Lewis Carroll

Yes, the time has come to talk of many things. I thank God for the blessings, joys, successes and learnings of my journey of 25 years as leader of the CSJ Educational Network. God blessed me with wonderful partners. Partners, *all friends*, teachers, principals, staff, and Diocesan leaders who have extended the ministry of Jesus by nurturing and supporting relationships that influence Catholic education.

Now the time has come for new energy and ideas to take the CSJ Educational Network into the future. I am confident in the excellent leadership of Bret Allen as Director. Bret has a deep appreciation of the charism of unity and reconciliation. He has been a member of the CSJ Educational Network since he began as principal of St. Elizabeth School in 1999. He served on the Advisory Committee and was the San Francisco Archdiocese Office of Schools liaison to the Network. We are blessed to have Bret assume the role of Director.

The time has come for me to step into the role as Director Emeritus. What this means, will be clarified in time. What I do know is that I look forward to taking time to slow down, read and share my gifts and experience wherever God calls.

Please know, I thank God for each of you. Thank you for your care and support. May God bless you, your families and your ministry!

Sincerely,

Sr. Judith Dugan, CSJ



The good man
is the friend
of all
living things.

Gandhi

Fresh Horizons

The CSJ Educational Network is full of hardworking and passionate educators. Our member schools are well-oiled machines and run smoothly because of the superstar administrators behind the scenes. The conclusion of this school year marks new chapters for several Network principals, teachers, staff and members. Whether through retirement or a position change, we owe them our gratitude and wish them luck on their next endeavors.

Dan O'Neal – St. Patrick School

Dan O'Neal followed Sr. Michelle Tochtrop, CSJ as principal of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart in September of 1975. While principal of OLSH and a member of the Education Committee of the Sisters of St. Joseph, he worked with the Sisters in the development of the Network in 1988. Dan remained principal of OLSH until June of 1992. He transferred to St. Patrick and established the school as a member of the Network in 1993. Having served 26 years as principal of St. Patrick, Dan recognized it was time for a change. During this past year, Dan has been working with Hernán Valdivia to assume the role of principal for the next school year. Dan will remain on the staff of the school to teach and serve as an administrative resource.

Mary Ghisolfo – Notre Dame des Victoires School

For thirty-seven years, Mary Ghisolfo has served as both an educator and principal of Notre Dame des Victoires. Mary was one of the initial principals who helped with the development of the Network, with her leadership promoting Catholic values and the charm of the Sisters of St. Joseph and the Marist Priests. "I was able to stand on the shoulders of amazing CSJ women - Sisters Virginia, Geraldine and Joanna for so many years, and they are responsible, in a big way, for my formation as a Catholic school leader."

Alfonso Magaña – Our Lady of the Sacred Heart School

This year marks the 90th Anniversary of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart School in San Diego. Two and a half years ago, Alfonso Magaña stepped into the role of principal. Mr. Magaña, an alumnus of OLSH and teacher, left the classroom to help guide the transition of OLSH into the new St. Katharine Drexel Academy. Mr. Magaña will move to SKDA as a middle school teacher and assistant principal.

Theresa Poon – Star of the Sea School

For 18 years, Theresa Poon has served as a teacher, vice-principal and principal at Star of the Sea School. At the beginning of the 2017-2018 school year, Mrs. Poon stepped up to lead the school after the unexpected death of principal, Terry Hanley. As a Star parent, educator and leader, Theresa left a lasting impression on the community. Star of the Sea School and the CSJ Educational Network are grateful for her leadership and generosity. May God bless Theresa as she moves on to another calling.

Anne Egan – Blessed Sacrament Parish School

During the past two years, the CSJ Educational Network had the pleasure to work with the outstanding and caring community of Blessed Sacrament Parish School in San Diego. Anne Egan, principal of BSPS, worked hard to facilitate the transition bringing Our Lady of the Sacred Heart School and BSPS together as one new school, St. Katharine Drexel Academy. Anne will be the principal of SKDA.

Advisory Committee 2017-2018

Many thanks to the Advisory Committee for an amazing year of guidance and forethought. The members of the Advisory Committee consisted of: Steve Stutz, Sr. Suzanne Sassus, Dr. Brad Snyder, Fr. David Robinson, Fr. Wayne Negrete, Fr. John Auther, Sr. Mary Beth Ingham, Dr. Victoria Graf, Monica Hayden, Mary Alvarado, and Jim Watson. After 3 years on the Committee, we will see the term completion of **Fr. John Auther**. As Pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe in San Diego, his gift of impartial wisdom and thought-provoking questions were invaluable assets to the Committee these past few years. The CSJ Educational Network thanks Fr. John for his commitment to Catholic education and his contributions at Our Lady's School in San Diego.

*"For I know
the plans
I have for you,"
declares the LORD,
"plans to
prosper you and
not to harm you,
plans to
give you hope
and a future."*

- Jeremiah 29:11



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