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RELEASE **Christ the King Catholic School Principal Patrick O’Sullivan
Earns National Recognition**

Arlington, VA – The National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) congratulates winning principal, Patrick O’Sullivan from Christ the King Catholic School in the Diocese of Dallas, as one of three Catholic elementary school principals named as winners of the 2017 National Distinguished Principals Award presented by the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP). Mr. O’Sullivan will be presented his award in Washington, D.C., at a two-day celebration October 12 - 13.

“National recognition for our principals is well deserved and gratifying,” said NCEA’s Assistant Director of Leadership Development Annette Jones. “As models of exemplary mission-based educators, the three honorees provide their schools and communities with a balance of faith-filled Catholic education and academic excellence.”

Mr. O’Sullivan believes that a Catholic school is a school for every child. Since becoming principal in 2012, Mr. O’Sullivan has increased the number of scholarships not only to his own school, but to other Catholic schools, based on the tenet that every student that wants a Catholic education in Dallas should have the opportunity.

Sister Dawn Achs, the associate superintendent of Catholic schools in the Diocese of Dallas refers to Mr. O'Sullivan as an "educational and spiritual leader focused on the mission of the school and on what is in the best interest of the students, their families and the staff."

Mr. O'Sullivan encourages and inspires students and faculty alike. Teacher Ashley Young says she took her position at Christ the King based on her first impression of Mr. O'Sullivan as being warm, passionate and possessing a vision for the school. "Our academic achievements during his tenure are feats not seen in over a decade. Not only are we a National Blue Ribbon School again under his leadership, but our scores in math have risen, as have our graduating student acceptances into their first choice high schools."

Mr. O'Sullivan was a recipient of the NCEA Lead. Learn. Proclaim. Awards, presented at the NCEA 2017 Convention & Expo earlier this year. See the list of winners <http://bit.ly/2be9LEE>.

NAESP recognizes elementary and middle-level administrators for setting high standards for instruction, student achievement, character and climate for the students, families and staff in their learning communities. For more information, visit www.naesp.org.

NCEA joyfully recognizes the other winning Catholic school principals of the 2017 NAESP National Distinguished Principals Award:

Phyllis Cavallone-Jurek, St. Therese Chinese School, Archdiocese of Chicago
Kenneth J. Willers, School of the Madeleine, Diocese of Oakland

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