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**RELEASE** **Diocese of Dallas, Christ the King Catholic School Principal to be Honored at NCEA 2017 Convention & Expo in St. Louis**

NCEA Lead. Learn. Proclaim. Award recognizes educational leadership and excellence

**Dallas, TX** – Mr. Patrick O’Sullivan, Principal at Christ the King Catholic School in Dallas, TX will receive the 2017 Lead. Learn. Proclaim. Award from the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) for dedication and commitment to excellence.

Mr. Patrick O’Sullivan was chosen from more than 150,000 teachers and administrators, as well as diocesan leaders and organizations dedicated to the nation’s Catholic schools. Mr. O’Sullivan will be recognized during the annual NCEA 2017 Convention & Expo that will take place April 18 – 20 in St. Louis, MO. The annual award honors those whose ministry is Catholic school education and who have demonstrated a strong Catholic educational philosophy as well as exceptional ability, dedication, and results.

“It takes dedicated people in the schools, the dioceses, the parishes, and the communities to carry out the mission of faith formation in Catholic schools. They are the living messengers of God’s purpose from generation to generation,” said Jim Pavlacka, NCEA Director of Leadership Development.

Mr. O’Sullivan believes in educating the whole child – heart, mind, and spirit. He makes a point of being in the classrooms, on the athletic field, in the cafeteria, directing carpool, leading student mock interviews, teaching algebra, and talking with prospective Christ the King families, stated Assistant Principal, Lisa Bosco. She continued, “Mr. O’Sullivan views his position as a calling from God. He models our Catholic faith and inspires our community.”

“When entering Christ the King Catholic School a person will feel, as God reminds Moses in Exodus, that they are standing on holy ground,” Mr. O’Sullivan said. “... a place where teachers, staff, and students live out the mission of the Church.”

**About the NCEA Convention & Expo**

NCEA’s convention, held this year in collaboration with the Archdiocese of St. Louis, is the largest private education association gathering in the country. It draws participants from all facets of Catholic education, including elementary and secondary schools and religious education programs. The event features professional development sessions, liturgies, and an exhibition of educational products and services. For more information, visit: [www.NCEA.org/convention](http://www.NCEA.org/convention)

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