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Dear Chief Administrators and District Leaders:

We are pleased to provide you with registration materials for the 2020 Lasallian Association of Secondary School Chief Administrators (LASSCA) Conference, February 23-26 in Houston, Texas. The 2020 conference theme, "Sustaining Excellence in Lasallian Leadership," has been developed by the planning committee to provide an invitation to reflect on how we, the Lasallian secondary school leaders of today, respond to needs emerging in our individual educational communities so that we continue to sustain the quality of holistic education for those entrusted to our care. Over the course of this conference, we will have time to reflect on the great things that are currently happening and what more can be done.

Sunday evening will begin with Mass at 5:00 p.m. at Church of Saint Michael (short walk from the hotel), followed by welcomes, a conference overview, presentation of the Brother Michael Collins Award of Excellence and "Wine and Wisdom."

On Monday afternoon, we will welcome keynote speaker Reverend James P. Burns, IVD, Ph.D., president of Saint Mary's University of Minnesota. With a personal record of expanding educational reach, Father Burns will share his perceptions, as a leader in Lasallian higher education, of the great things taking place in our collective educational ministries.

Following the business meeting on Tuesday morning, we will welcome Dr. Tim Uhl, superintendent of Montana Catholic Schools, as our keynote speaker. Dr. Uhl is a nationally recognized blogger, podcaster and leader whose ministry entails working with Catholic schools across multiple dioceses in Montana. His *Catholic School Matters* series is presented in partnership with the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA). *Catholic School Matters* explores the bright spots, the challenges and the potential best paths forward for the ministry of education. Concurrent breakout sessions will be available in the afternoon.

During our general session on Wednesday morning, we will welcome Dr. Melodie Wyttenbach, executive director at the Roche Center for Catholic Education, Lynch School of Education and Human Development at Boston College in Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts, as our keynote speaker. Her work with the Mary Ann Remick Leadership Program for the Alliance for Catholic Education at the University of Notre Dame, her service as president of Nativity Jesuit Academy, and her experience as director of Mission Effectiveness for the NativityMiguel network of schools, allows her to bring a unique perspective to our belief that, while good things are happening, more is indeed possible.

There is no registration fee for chief administrators or conference attendees who have paid their 2019-2020 LASSCA membership dues or conference registration fee. If you have not yet paid your 2019-2020 LASSCA membership dues, if you need to pay for a board member or for those in other non-member categories, **payment will be collected via credit card at the time of registration**. Please [click here](#) for complete information on conference registration and hotel reservations.

If you have questions, please contact [Michele Beauboeuf](#) at (202) 529-0047 ext. 106 or [Mari John](#) at (202) 529-0047 ext. 110.

With prayerful best wishes for a blessed Christmas,

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