

# Call for Nominations

## 20th ICE AWARDS: INNOVATIONS IN CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Today's Catholic Teacher proudly invites nominations for the 20th annual ICE Award for Innovations in Catholic Education. The award honors 12 Catholic schools that have led the way by implementing exemplary, innovative programs to improve the teaching and learning of their students, faculty, and staffs.

Awards are offered in four categories:

- Promoting Catholic identity
- Curriculum and instruction
- Technology integration
- Total community involvement including fundraising

### Here's How to Enter

The official entry form appears on the opposite page. The entry form must be attached to a double-spaced typed description no longer than 600 words (approximately two pages) of how the nominee school has implemented innovation in ONE of the four award categories. If a school is to be nominated for innovation in more than one area, please submit additional nominations.

You may enclose with your entry limited samples of student work, project descriptions, reports, or other supporting documents that will help our judges make an informed decision. (Note: Submitted material becomes the property of Today's Catholic Teacher and cannot be returned.)

Send your entry materials to Today's Catholic Teacher at the address on the form. The award finalists will be selected by a panel of judges from the Institute for Pastoral Initiatives at the University of Dayton, chaired by Sr. Angela Ann Zukowski, MSHS.

Anyone may nominate! If you are a principal or assistant principal, technology coordinator, project coordinator, or teacher who feels especially proud of what your school has accomplished, please submit a nomination.

Diocesan officials may want to nominate one or several outstanding schools from the diocese. Parents, parishioners, or other community members may want to bring this national recognition to their local Catholic school. All diocesan, parochial, or independent Catholic elementary, middle, junior high, and high schools or groups or federations consisting of four schools or fewer in the U.S. and Canada are eligible. **A winning school must wait until two years have passed to enter again (i.e., 2016 winners will be eligible again in 2019).**

### Finalists Receive Recognition and Much More!

- If your school is chosen as one of the 12 finalists for the ICE Award for 2017, it will be featured in a special section in the Spring 2017 issue of Today's Catholic Teacher. Three finalists will be chosen in each of the four categories, and one grand prize winner in each category will be announced at the banquet.
- School representatives will be honored at an awards presentation banquet during the 2017 NCEA Convention in St. Louis, MO. The grand prize winners will be announced at the banquet.
- Your school will enjoy local and national coverage of its achievement with recognition on the NCEA exposition floor, press releases to local and diocesan newspapers, and exclusive briefings with the corporate sponsors of the ICE Awards.
- You will receive 100 copies of a high-quality reprint of the special awards section in the March issue as well as a large indoor-outdoor banner for display. Past winners have used these quality pieces to enhance their public relations and student recruitment programs.
- Winners also have reported that winning the award has helped their schools obtain grants and gain additional funding support from local sources and national foundations.
- In addition to the prizes above, one of the three finalists in each category will be chosen as the grand prize winner and take home a \$1,000 prize.**
- And the attractive star-shaped ICE Award will itself serve as a permanent source of school pride and a reminder of the dedication and collaboration that earned your school recognition.

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# ENTRY FORM

Complete this form and attach it to a two-page description (approximately 600 words) of the school's qualifications for the award.

School \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Diocese \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Grade levels \_\_\_\_\_

Number of students \_\_\_\_\_ Number of faculty \_\_\_\_\_

Principal \_\_\_\_\_

School website address \_\_\_\_\_ Principal's email address \_\_\_\_\_

This entry is submitted by \_\_\_\_\_

Title/Position \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**Awards Judges: Please consider this nomination on the basis of the school's accomplishments in the area of (check only one):**

- An innovative project in promoting Catholic identity
- An innovative project in curriculum and instruction
- An innovative project facilitated by technology
- An innovative project in total community involvement, including fundraising

**Note: A winning school must wait until two years have passed to enter again (i.e., 2016 winners will be eligible again in 2019).**

Enclose this form with your two-page description and any supporting documents, and mail to:

**TODAY'S CATHOLIC Teacher**

Innovations in Catholic Education  
Today's Catholic Teacher  
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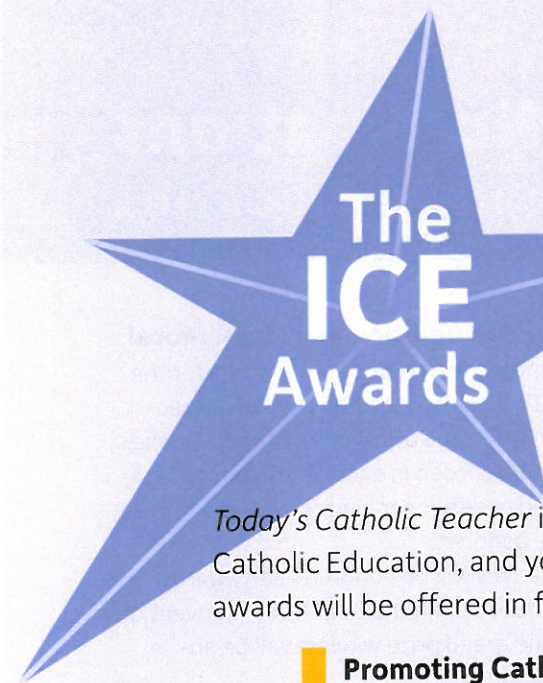
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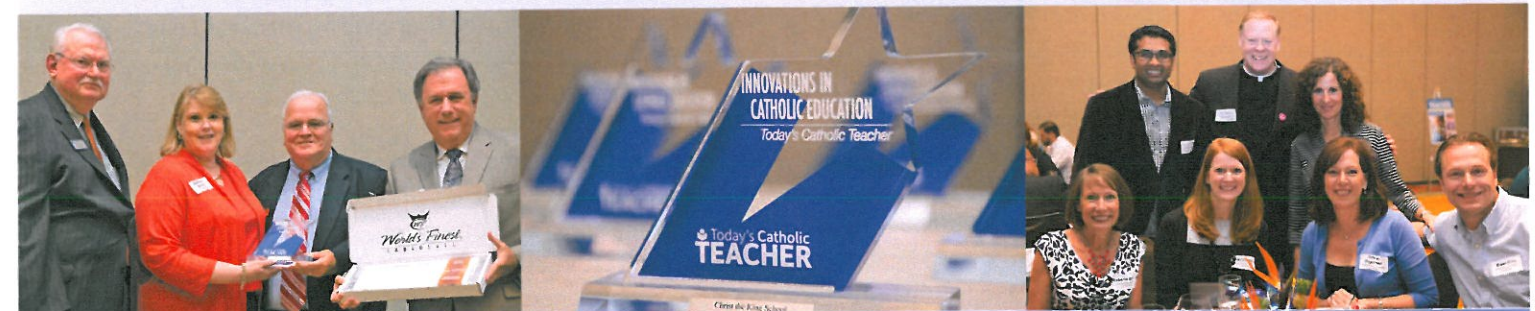


Let your school be recognized  
for its great **Innovations  
in Catholic Education!**  
**You could win \$1,000!**

*Today's Catholic Teacher* is searching for the schools with the best Innovations in Catholic Education, and your school could capture this prestigious title! This year's awards will be offered in four categories for innovative projects in:

- Promoting Catholic identity**
- Curriculum and instruction**
- Technology integration**
- Total community involvement, including fundraising**

In this 20th year, the ICE Awards: *Innovations in Catholic Education* will be presented to 12 innovative Catholic schools next spring. Award-winning schools will be featured in the Spring 2017 issue of *Today's Catholic Teacher*, and school representatives will be honored at a gala presentation banquet.



12 finalists will be chosen, three in each of the four categories. At the banquet in St. Louis, one grand prize winner will be announced in each category, **and will each take home a \$1,000 prize!** All 12 schools will receive award trophies, large indoor/outdoor banners, copies of the awards publication, seats at the banquet, and more.

Finalists will join us for the 20th **ICE GALA DINNER** during NCEA in St. Louis!

**NOW ENTERING THE AWARDS PROGRAM IS EASIER THAN EVER!**

Enter online at [catholicteacher.com/ice.html](http://catholicteacher.com/ice.html).

For traditional entries, simply print the entry form found at [catholicteacher.com/ice.html](http://catholicteacher.com/ice.html) and mail it in with your supporting materials.

*The entry form and complete rules also appear on the following pages.*



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