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Restorative Justice in Catholic Schools Leads Restorative Faith Communities Nationwide

WHAT: 2017 Virtue-Based Restorative Discipline (VBRD) Summer Institute

WHERE: Cardinal Rigali Center, 20 Archbishop May Drive, Shrewsbury, MO 63119

WHEN: Tuesday - Thursday, June 13-15, 2017

ST. LOUIS – The Catholic Education Office of the Archdiocese of St. Louis will host the 2017 Virtue-Based Restorative Discipline (VBRD) Summer Institute, June 13-15, 2017, beginning at 8:30 a.m. daily at the Cardinal Rigali Center (20 Archbishop May Drive, 63119).

Over 200 educators from 52 schools will attend this comprehensive training in VBRD, a Catholic response to bullying. This 5th annual summer institute will expand to define and identify restorative faith community life beyond schools.

Teams will be trained to prevent and reduce antisocial behaviors through virtue education and restorative practices, resulting in a consistent message that upholds the dignity of the human person. Parents, school personnel, and parish staff will learn ways to maintain a positive environment in which adults and youth are accountable and responsible for holy habits of human excellence. While discipline is viewed as formative rather than punitive, the quality of all relationships becomes the greatest asset with which to build a happier, more productive community.

Sessions will include: Foundations of VBRD, Restorative Practices, Guiding Principles, Engaging Parents, and Successful Class Meetings. A Restorative Leadership track for administrators will result in establishing implementation action plans for the coming school year that extend to the community. Workshops will run in three tracks tailored to the needs of registrants from novice to expert.

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