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## Two St. Louis Leaders Named Outstanding Catholic Educators by National Catholic Educational Association

**ST. LOUIS** – Reverend Monsignor Jack Costello, pastor of St. Peter Catholic Church in Kirkwood, and David Laughlin, president of Saint Louis University High School, along with 30 other individuals from around the country, will be honored as outstanding Catholic educators on Tuesday, March 29 by the National Catholic Education Association (NCEA).

The awards will be presented at a dinner during the NCEA's annual Convention and Expo, held this year in San Diego, March 29-31. In announcing the 32 recipients of the 2016 *Lead. Learn. Proclaim.* Awards, the NCEA said the purpose of the award is to "highlight the outstanding work of Catholic school educators in communities across the country." Among the awardees are Catholic school leaders, teachers, principals and presidents, pastors, diocesan superintendents, school boards and home school associations.

NCEA's 2016 Convention and Expo is the largest private-education association gathering in the nation. The annual convention draws more than 4,500 members and participants from Catholic school communities including elementary and secondary school teachers and principals, religious education programs as well as diocesan offices, church pastors, superintendents, school boards. The convention is a forum to exchange ideas, hear about current research and data related to Catholic education and learn about new technology and resources.

Representatives from the Catholic Education Office of the Archdiocese of St. Louis are in San Diego this week to welcome attendees to the 2017 NCEA Convention and Expo to be held in St. Louis.

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