

Welcome From the President

May God's peace be with you. I am so excited to share with you all of the good things that have been happening with Mission Driven Catholic this past year. In talking with families and Catholic educators around the country, there is a true desire for renewal and revitalization. At the same time, the schools that need the most help sometimes do not have the means to pay for the services they require. Our passion is to work with Catholic schools who desire renewal regardless of their means, and so we made the decision in the beginning of this year to become a nonprofit organization. I can tell you, Megan worked tirelessly in getting things in place, we recruited a Board of extraordinarily talented, prayerful, and mission-aligned people to support the work, and were able to make our first full-time hire, a fantastic Director of Donor and Client Relations.

We spent time building a solid foundation. We asked many of you to pray for guidance to the Holy Spirit so that we would be open to what God wants from us. With this in hand, we have now a clearer focus of what He is asking of us. We truly want to work to revitalize Catholic schools to embrace their mission of being centers of evangelization! We want all Catholic schools to be places of authentic encounter for students and families. We are so grateful for those who have supported us, prayed with us, and encouraged us to say yes to this apostolate. It is your support, donations, guidance, friendship, and prayers that will help Mission Driven Catholic share Christ's superabundant love with more families and children. Be assured of our prayers for you as well. May the Lord bless you and Mary keep you.



In Christ through Mary,



Daniel Baillargeon, Ph.D.

Company Highlights

Since beginning, Mission Driven Catholic has:

- Completed 10+ leadership searches for Catholic school principals and presidents.
- Provided executive mentoring for 10+ superintendents or diocesan leaders and 25+ principals.
- Worked with over 20 dioceses and over 50 Catholic diocesan and independent schools in various capacities.
- Presented at numerous national and regional events, including NCEA, NECASE, ICLE, FCC, and ACAAP.
- Consulted with the Cardinal Newman Society.
- Become a 501(c)3 nonprofit and formed a Board of Directors.
- Confirmed Dan Baillargeon as the President and Founder and Megan Baillargeon as the Executive Vice President.
- Hired Kathy McCabe as COO and Ashley Gregory as Director of Donor and Client Relations.
- Held in-person company and board meetings in August 2024 to discuss our mission and strategize ways to achieve it.

Mission Driven Catholic's Start and Purpose

The opening of Mission Driven Catholic is the culmination of years of passion for serving the domestic church through evangelization. From the beginning of their marriage, Dan and Megan Baillargeon were strongly devoted to St. Therese of Lisieux and her Little Way, trying to witness to doing all things with great love. After meeting St. John Paul II on their honeymoon, it was clear that they were being called to work in support of the Church and bring as many souls as possible to Christ.

Dan has been involved in Catholic education for more than 20 years as a teacher, school principal, superintendent, and researcher. Megan has worked and volunteered in Catholic schools as a youth minister, campus minister, and parent. They have worked together in marriage ministry, retreats, and youth ministry. Even though they were able to accomplish great things in schools, parishes, and dioceses, the limited resources and sheer scope of needs made it clear to Dan and Megan that a new approach was necessary to truly revitalize Catholic schools across the nation. *(continued)*

On March 25, 2022, the Feast of the Annunciation, Dan and Megan gave their "fiat" to God, echoing Mary's own yes. They moved to Ohio and began Mission Driven Catholic.

One of the pillars of Mission Driven Catholic is the intentional, relational presence inspired by Jesus' desire to be with us in the Eucharist. Dan's natural ability to connect with people and Megan's gifts in being present to those the Lord places in her life have come from their desire to allow Jesus to be present to them in the Eucharist. In the work they have done, they rely on the simplicity of God, Who is love Himself.

This is the essence of how to bring Christ to others: to be known is to be loved. This belief is woven into every aspect of the work of Mission Driven Catholic.

Mission Driven Catholic exists to support the family as the primary educators of their children and the place where saints are formed. At home, Megan and Dan strive to find time to prioritize the Faith and also reach out to other

families, encouraging them to do the same. They believe that Catholic schools should make decisions with the family in mind, not just a focus on student outcomes. By supporting and forming families, Catholic schools can more easily embrace their mission of becoming centers for evangelization and making disciples of all the nations. By focusing on the family, Mission Driven Catholic ensures that the values taught at school resonate at home so that educators, parents, and children can all be joyful witnesses together.

The short- and long-term goals for Mission Driven Catholic are ambitious yet grounded in a clear mission: to support schools and families, revitalizing the Church through intentional presence and relationship-building. With every leadership search, every mentorship, and every piece of content created, Mission Driven Catholic strives in little ways, with great hope, to assist Catholic schools and families to form the saints this world so desperately needs.

What We Do

We help Catholic school communities **encounter** Christ. We recruit, form, and equip Catholic school leaders to **transform** their communities. We continue to support them to **pursue** the evangelizing mission of the Church. Our services include:

- Executive mentoring for Catholic school leaders
- Leadership searches and candidate reviews
- Professional development and public speaking
- Retreats
- Strategic planning, school board development, and curriculum and Catholic identity reviews
- Enrollment management

Donate to Mission Driven Catholic

Many of the schools we work with cannot afford the comprehensive services we provide. Mission Driven Catholic relies on generous donations to help us succeed in our mission.

Please consider donating on our website, or email us to find out how your philanthropy can help us revitalize Catholic schools to fully embrace their mission to become centers of evangelization for students and their families.



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Upcoming Events:

- August 19: Steubenville Catholic Schools Professional Retreat
- August 20: Hartford Convocation
- August 23-28: Supporting schools in Anchorage, AK
- August 29-30: Supporting schools in Portland, OR
- September 3: Catholic Daily Drive podcast returns!
- September 3-6: Look for Mission Driven Catholic at the SENT Conference in Dallas, TX
- September 18: Harrisburg Education Conference
- October 13-16: NCEA Catholic Leadership Summit

Thank You!

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