



# COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

*Saturday, July 11, 2020*

## HISTORY OF THE ALLIANCE FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION



The Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) Teaching Fellows program responds to a call to prepare highly committed teachers for under-resourced Catholic schools around the nation. ACE teachers bring imagination and zeal to help strengthen Catholic schools and empower marginalized children as they work to bring life and hope to communities in need. Since its founding in 1993, ACE has formed over 1,900 ACE teachers—two-thirds of whom remain in education to this day, while many others have gone on to successful careers in medicine, law, business, engineering, and the academy.

Representing undergraduate institutions throughout the United States and abroad, ACE teachers are formed through an innovative M.Ed. program that promotes best practice in instruction and assessment, the development of vibrant Christian community, and a commitment to spiritual growth. These three pillars—forming professional educators, building community, and growing spiritually—inform, inspire, and mobilize ACE teachers throughout their time in the classroom and beyond.

Since its inception in 2002, the Mary Ann Remick Leadership Program has embraced a vision of leadership that promotes strong Catholic school culture, applies executive management skills, and fosters academic excellence. Generously endowed by Mary Ann Remick of Rochester, Minnesota, the Remick Leadership Program has become the premier effort of its kind, providing world-class leadership formation to passionate and highly skilled Catholic school leaders. Today more than 400 Remick Leaders serve Catholic schools in dioceses around the world.

In forming exceptional leaders with a passion for embracing and extending the gift of Catholic schools, ACE works tirelessly to provide a witness of hope. With Christ as their model, the newest ACE graduates “go forth and teach,” embracing a vocation to provide the excellent education all children deserve, and making God known, loved, and served through their dedication to Catholic schools.



## PROGRAM



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