

The Catholic Schools Office (CSO) is pleased to announce that Jorge Hernandez has been appointed as the new Area Superintendent for the Merrimack/North Regions. Mr. Hernandez is uniquely qualified to support the strategic vision of the Cardinal and Secretary for Education in reinvigorating Catholic education in the Archdiocese of Boston.

Jorge Hernandez comes to the Catholic Schools Office from Merrimack College where he worked for the past eight years, most recently serving as Director of Freshman Admissions and Interim Dean of Admissions. Mr. Hernandez began his career as a teacher and coach at Peabody Veterans' Memorial High School where he served as an ELL/Bilingual Education and Spanish teacher. He is a graduate of Villanova University where he received his B.A and Lesley University where he received a M.Ed. in Curriculum and Instruction with a specialization in Literacy. Mr. Hernandez currently serves on the boards of Notre Dame High School Lawrence and Lawrence Catholic Academy. Mr. Hernandez, the son of immigrant parents grew up in Inglewood, CA and currently resides in Lawrence, MA with his wife and two boys.

As Area Superintendent for the Merrimack and North regions, Mr. Hernandez will work with approximately 40 schools, Pre-K to grade 12. He will be an integral member of the CSO's leadership team and provide service, strategic direction, and support to promote and ensure Catholic identity, academic excellence, fiscal sustainability and school vitality. With his expertise on admissions, Mr. Hernandez will give special attention to promoting enrollment management across the Archdiocese of Boston.

Cardinal Seán O'Malley is committed to revitalizing Catholic education in the Archdiocese of Boston in a thoughtful and collaborative manner. Area Superintendents provide leadership to advance the vision of a vibrant future for Catholic education, working with Archdiocesan leaders, pastors, principals, parents, benefactors, college presidents, and other stakeholders.

Dr. Mary Grassa O'Neill, Secretary for Education/Superintendent for Catholic Schools, said, "Jorge will round-out our team and the support we provide schools in excellent ways. He is an expert on the North/Merrimack Regions, Catholic education, and enrollment management and marketing. Jorge is a fabulous proponent of the life-changing difference Catholic schools make for so many students."

The CSO is dedicated to developing and supporting a system of schools that provide:

- Strong Catholic faith formation and gospel values, fulfilling the mission of the Church;
- Excellent academic programs that equal or exceed the performance of "competing" educational sources; and
- A viable and sustainable financial model that is driven by increased enrollments.