



Are You Called To Lead?



An invitation to explore leadership opportunities in Catholic schools

Are you a teacher in a Catholic school who is looking for some support as you think about Deputy Headship or Headship?

Are you a teacher who works in education, but may not currently work in a Catholic school?

Are you interested in school leadership, but not sure whether you could be a leader in a Catholic school?

CALLED TO LEAD IS FOR YOU!

The invitation:

Fr Kevin O'Driscoll and Joe Richardson would like to invite you to join them in a programme of reflection on leadership in Catholic schools.

These gatherings will be perfect for anyone who may be considering a role as either Deputy Headteacher or Headteacher at some point in the future. The gatherings will help you to think about Catholic leadership and will include reflections on real interview questions that you could face at interview at some point in the future! We will invite other leaders from our Trust and beyond to share their experiences and thoughts to help you on your journey.

How to apply:

Please send an email to admin@stcat.co.uk with the subject 'Called to Lead'. Please outline in no more than 200 words why you would like to attend this course. We will try to accommodate all who apply but will select if required based on each 200 word submission.

Who is this programme for?

This career development support is for colleagues in our schools and beyond who are baptised Catholics as well as those thinking about joining the Roman Catholic Church in the near future. We particularly wish to extend this warm invitation to those members of staff from our Trust and beyond who may feel there are barriers that might prevent them from applying for a Catholic leadership role in the future. For example, for a variety of reasons, you may not be regularly attending Mass, but still hold a deep and sincere faith that you wish to place at the centre of your work going forward. Our inspiration from Pope Francis is that we meet people where they are and accompany them as they think about their future.

What is the commitment:

There will be six sessions that will begin in the Pentecost term 2022 – dates will be arranged to fit in with availability where we can. We will host one session each term and will walk with you on a leadership journey for the next two years. The sessions will be standalone in nature, so in the first instance you are making a commitment to attend just one session. Each session will be hosted towards the geographical centre of our Trust, so there will be a little travelling required for everyone, but not too much for anyone. We will gather at 4:30pm and will leave at 6:30pm. Each session will include an evening meal and is fully funded by our Academy Trust.

Colleagues are encouraged to access the more structured Catholic Leadership courses and undertake CCRS in addition to this programme.

What other benefits will you get?

We will put you in touch with an experienced Headteacher who can support you in any application you seek to submit in future. There is an art to interviews and applications and we have some great people who can look at your letter of application, mentor you and even be on the end of a phone the night before an interview – we just want you to be the best version of yourself you can be!

About the programme leaders:

Fr Kevin O'Driscoll is a Director in the St Thomas Catholic Academies Trust and Parish Priest of Holy Family, Slough. Joe Richardson is the Strategic Executive Leader of the St Thomas Catholic Academies Trust.

Fr Kevin O'Driscoll



Joe Richardson

