Seeking Leaders in Catholic Education

Request for Participation as Facilitators/Mentors on the Professional Development Team for the

**Best Practices in Catholic Schools Initiative**

The Catholic Schools Office of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and the University of Dayton’s Center for Catholic Education and School of Education and Allied Professions are planning a professional development opportunity for Catholic School teachers in the Miami Valley area. This opportunity will provide information about standards based education, common academic classroom issues, and best practices in the fields of early childhood (Pre-k through 3rd grade) and middle school (4th through 8th grade).

In order to better meet the needs of Catholic School teachers, we are seeking local teachers who are or who have an interest in becoming leaders in Catholic education. Teachers who apply and are accepted will serve as part of a professional development team who will provide input in planning professional development workshops, assist in facilitating workshops, and take part in the evaluation of the initiative.

A Professional Development Team comprised of 11 teachers from a variety of schools, experiences and grade levels is desired. The members of the Professional Development Team must demonstrate a willingness to devote time to the project and must be comfortable in the role of mentor to one of the 11 teams selected to take part in this initiative this year. Professional Development Team members must be open to learning new instructional strategies, must be flexible and creative in their personal instructional style, must be committed to their own professional growth and must be able to work well with others in order to mentor the professional growth of their colleagues that will be part of this initiative. The anticipated time commitment is as follows.

**Anticipated Time Commitment**

- **August 1:** Attend Professional Development Team Facilitators Training
- **August 11-15:** Attend and co-facilitate the Best Practices Institute for the 11 teams of Catholic school teachers
- **Sept. 2003 - May 2004:** Attend and co-facilitate 6 Catholic Teacher Team Inservice Meetings from 4:00-6:00. (Approximately one meeting per month).

A modest stipend is available for participation. Interested parties should complete the attached application form and send it to shauna.adams@udayton.edu (preferred) or by mail to Dr. Shauna Adams, University of Dayton, Dayton, Ohio 45469-0525. Applications need to be received by June 20th. Teams will be notified by mail this summer. Applications can also be accessed under “Additional Resources” at the following website: http://academic.udayton.edu/shaunaadams

Please contact Shauna Adams, Early Childhood Professor (229-3372) or Susan Ferguson Middle Childhood Administrative Faculty (229-3084) at the University of Dayton with questions.