

Regina Academies Faculties Engage *The Spirit and Craft of Teaching*

The Institute for Catholic Liberal Education (ICLE) annually offers its *Spirit and Craft of Teaching* workshop to faculty and administration across the country who desire to engage and study the basis and pedagogy of Catholic Classical instructional skills. In more recent years, this excellent workshop has been offered on the campus of Aquinas College in Nashville, TN.

By special arrangement, from July 21-23, 2016 the Institute for Catholic Liberal Education gave benefit of its *Spirit and Craft of Teaching* (SCT) workshop to faculty members from the four Regina Academies as well as faculty of the new Regina Chesterton Academy at Cardinal O'Hara High School here in Philadelphia.

The SCT workshop was set up in conjunction with the completion of ICLE's national Catholic Classical Schools Conference, hosted this year by the Regina Academies at Neumann University in Aston, PA. Upon the completion of the national conference, the Regina Faculty members attended a modified *Spirit and Craft of Teaching* Conference, one specifically tailored and directed towards the needs of our particular Regina Academies Faculties.

Hosted at Regina Coeli Academy (RCA), Dr. Andrew Seeley, executive director of ICLE, associate director Elisabeth Sullivan, Mary Pat Donoghue, director of school programs, Jessie Van Hecke, and Dr. Jake Noland, each provided special presentations, breakouts, and led seminars over two and a half days which engaged both eager veterans and more recent faculty members.

Covered topics included: "The Classical Approach to Catholic Teaching"; "The Trivium: The Road to Lifelong Learning"; "Poetry and the Beauty of Memory"; "Developing Logic in Middle and High School"; "Mimetic Teaching: Cultivating the Souls of Teacher and Student"; "The Art of the Question"; "An Introduction to the Seven Laws of Teaching"; "Integrating Curriculum and School Life"; "Planning a Classical Year, Sequence, Day; and "Christ the Teacher."

A special note of thanks was given to Carol Kodsi, Executive Board Member of RCA, as well to Headmaster Chris Keefe, and the entire RCA faculty for hosting such a fruitful event.

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