



CCSE Appoints Anne Hummer as First Associate Director

*CCSE charting a path for the next phase and
expanding capacity*

CATHOLIC COALITION FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION

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(Kensington, Maryland) – The Catholic Coalition for Special Education (CCSE) is pleased to announce the appointment of Anne Hummer as its first Associate Director effective September 8, 2020 cementing a key part of a broader strategic plan charting CCSE’s path for the next three to five years. *[Photo of Anne Hummer available]*

Francesca Pellegrino, CCSE President and Founder, said “Ms. Hummer brings to her new position many years of development experience along with her demonstrated nonprofit management history. I am grateful to CCSE’s Search Committee for a well conducted search leading to Ms. Hummer’s appointment. This new position represents an important milestone in CCSE’s development and expands our capacity to fulfill our mission. In the name of all those who value inclusive Catholic education, I welcome Ms. Hummer.”

Hummer responded “I am eager to join the CCSE team and look forward to combining all our talents to achieve great results for the Catholic Coalition for Special Education. I am honored to have the opportunity to help advance inclusive special education in Catholic schools and fund training for teachers who work with students with disabilities.”

Hummer has spent her career raising funding and awareness for national nonprofit organizations. “I believe in the critical difference that nonprofit organizations make in solving world problems. Not only do I enjoy meeting challenges and problem-solving, but I also thrive when working with others who share a common goal,” said Hummer.

Entering its 16th year, CCSE’s advocacy work has led to an important shift in mindset. Conversations have advanced from whether a school would even consider serving students with developmental and/or intellectual disabilities to a desire to explore current best practices.

“Our new Associate Director position will give CCSE expanded capacity to provide more support and encouragement to parents and schools, and to develop diverse and robust revenue streams,” said Pellegrino. “Our vision is that Catholic school services for students with disabilities become an accepted and expected part of Catholic schools. A true fulfillment of Catholic education means including and educating all students together so that they all reach their full potential.”

CCSE supports Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Washington and Archdiocese of Baltimore by providing seed grants to expand or create sustainable programs enrolling two or more students with disabilities. Funding may be used to hire and train special educators, purchase equipment and materials,

or provide appropriate accommodations and modifications to the curriculum. CCSE also offers technical assistance and training – all free of charge – to help schools be the best they can be in serving and teaching all God’s children inclusively.

CCSE also provides scholarships to Catholic school teachers pursuing advanced degrees in special education and offers workshops and other training /coaching support to Catholic schools to help them meet the needs of students with disabilities at the classroom and administrative levels.

The mission of the [Catholic Coalition for Special Education](#) is to advocate for and facilitate an appropriate, inclusive, high quality education for students with developmental and/or intellectual disabilities in the Washington D.C. and Baltimore region Catholic schools to enrich their lives, schools, and the broader community.

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