

## **Notre Dame Academy Announced as the Re-Imagine Catholic Schools Award Winner**

San Diego, CA - May 17, 2018 - Notre Dame Academy in Carmel Valley has been named the 2018 Re-Imagine Catholic Schools Award Winner at the Annual Catholic Educators' Awards Banquet held at the Academy of Our Lady of Peace.

The Annual Catholic Educators' Awards Banquet is held to recognize contributions in Catholic education in the Diocese of San Diego. The Diocese of San Diego is comprised of 50 schools located in San Diego and Imperial counties and educates over 15,000 students.

The Re-Imagine School Award is given to a Catholic school in the Diocese of San Diego that recognizes the needs and interests of the 21st century student. Notre Dame Academy has taken the courageous step to ensure students are offered the highest quality education by adopting a Balanced Literacy approach to teaching reading and writing. Teachers have been undergoing training and support in the areas of shared reading, guided reading, read aloud, word study, independent reading, shared writing and writer's workshop. Taking on the Balanced Literacy approach allows for students to dig into content deeper, take a more active role in learning, and be challenged at their individual levels. The school has spent time and effort in explaining the benefits of this approach to parents while continuing to provide ongoing and focused professional development opportunities for their teachers.

Dr. Julie Cantillon, associate director of schools for the Diocese of San Diego, stated, "The administrators at Notre Dame Academy are wisely investing in the professional learning of their teachers and putting students at the center of their decisions."

For more information on Catholic education in the Diocese of San Diego, please visit:  
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Notre Dame Academy is a preeminent Catholic school serving students from preschool through eighth grade. At NDA, rigorous and advanced learning is combined with an immersive Catholic community to ensure each child grows into his or her full potential. 21st century skills such as collaborative learning, growth mindset, and critical thinking are woven into all classes including the Arts, STEAM, Technology, and Physical Education. Students engage in daily French and Spanish instruction at all grade levels to encourage trilingual skills and set the tone for a global educational perspective.

