

Dear Principal,

I am writing to ask for your voluntary participation in a study in Catholic educational leadership. I am a Doctoral Candidate at the Catholic University of America in Washington, DC in the “Catholic Educational Leadership and Policy Studies Program” (CELPS). My research dissertation study is titled: Hiring for Mission, Religious Formation, and the Catholic Elementary School Lay Principal’s Spiritual Leadership. I received approval to conduct this study from Catholic University’s Institutional Review Board for the Protection of Human Subjects.

As a former Catholic parochial elementary school principal, I know that you have many demands on your time. This online anonymous survey should take between 15 and 20 minutes to complete. The survey includes questions regarding hiring steps, personal religious formation, faith beliefs, spiritual practices, evidence of spiritual leadership, faith development, building Christian community, moral and ethical development, and Catholic history and philosophy.

To begin my study, click on the following link: [Principal Survey](#). I ask that you complete the survey on or before April 10, 2017. Results of my dissertation study will be made available to you upon request.

By clicking on the above survey link, you are verifying that you have read the explanation of this dissertation study, and that you agree to participate. You also understand that your participation in this dissertation study is anonymous and voluntary.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my request. Your support for Catholic education and Catholic school research is appreciated. Please contact me if you have any questions. I can be reached by email or phone.

With appreciation for your ministry,

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