

**Christ the King Jesuit College Preparatory School
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Rev. Christopher J. Devron, SJ

President, Christ the King Jesuit College Preparatory School

Father Christopher J. Devron, SJ, is the president of the new Christ the King Jesuit College Preparatory School, a Cristo Rey–model high school that will serve Chicago’s West Side. A native of the Chicago area, Rev. Devron earned a BA in philosophy and government from the University of Notre Dame in 1989 and—after serving as a volunteer teacher at Cardinal Spellman High School in the Bronx, New York, and returning to his alma mater to pursue graduate studies in theology—entered the Society of Jesus in 1991.

Throughout his Jesuit formation, Fr. Devron has earned an MA in the history of philosophy from Loyola University Chicago, an MDiv from the Weston Jesuit School of Theology, and an MA in theology with a concentration in African-American religious experience from Harvard Divinity School and the Institute for Black Catholic Studies at Xavier University in New Orleans.

From 1995 to 1996, Fr. Devron was executive director of the Inner-City Teaching Corps (ICTC) in Chicago, which recruits recent college graduates to teach in inner-city schools throughout the city. He then taught for two years at the Gonzaga Middle School Program for Boys in Harlem, and created a scholarship program to assist Gonzaga graduates attend private high schools. The following year, he was assigned as director of the Loyola Youth Center in Crown Heights, Brooklyn. Following his ordination in 2001, Fr. Devron has worked as the founding director of REACH (Recruiting Excellence for Academics in Catholic High Schools), an initiative of Regis High School to identify, recruit, and assist academically gifted middle school boys who could not otherwise afford a Catholic secondary attend Regis and other top high schools in New York City.

The Most Reverend George V. Murry, SJ, Ph.D.

Bishop of the Diocese of Youngstown, Founding Member of the Board of Trustees for Christ the King

Bishop Murry was installed as the fifth Bishop of the Diocese of Youngstown on March 28, 2007.

After graduating from Catholic elementary and high schools, Bishop Murry attended St. Joseph’s College in Philadelphia, St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield, Conn., and St. Mary’s Seminary in Baltimore, where he received a bachelor’s degree in Philosophy in 1972. That same year he entered the Society of Jesus. He was ordained for the Maryland Province of the Society of Jesus on June 9, 1979. He earned a Masters of Divinity degree from the Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley in 1979, and a doctorate in American Cultural History from George Washington University in Washington, D.C. in 1994.

Bishop Murry served on the faculty and was dean of student activities at Gonzaga College High School, Washington, D.C., from 1974-1976. He was assistant professor of American Studies at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., from 1986-1990, and president of Archbishop Carroll High School in Washington, D.C., from 1989-1994. He was named Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs at the University of Detroit-Mercy in 1994.

On January 24, 1995, Pope John Paul II appointed him titular Bishop of Fuerteventura and Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago where he was ordained to the episcopacy on March 20, 1995. On May 5, 1998, Pope John Paul II appointed him Coadjutor Bishop of St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands. Bishop Murry succeeded to the see on June 30, 1999.

Very Reverend John Canary

Vicar General, Archdiocese of Chicago

Rev. Canary was appointed Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Chicago on February 21, 2006. He attended Niles College of Loyola University, where he received a bachelor's degree. He went on to receive his Licentiate of Sacred Theology from the University of Saint Mary of the Lake in Mundelein, Ill., in 1986; a Master's in Applied Spirituality from the University of San Francisco in 1976; and a doctor of Ministry from the University of Saint Mary of the Lake in Mundelein, Ill., in 1977.

His pastoral assignments include Rector, Vice Rector and faculty member for University of St. Mary of the Lake Seminary, Mundelein, Ill., Co-Vicar for Priests, faculty member for Niles College of Loyola University and Associate Pastor of St. Irenaeus Parish in Park Forest, Ill.

Very Rev. Edward Schmidt, SJ

Provincial, Chicago Province of the Society of Jesus

Fr. Schmidt was born in December 1942 and grew up in St. Cajetan Parish in Chicago. After graduating from St. Ignatius College Prep in 1960 he entered the Chicago Province Novitiate in Milford, Ohio. Fr. Schmidt did his philosophy and theology studies at the Bellarmine School and was ordained a priest at Loyola's Madonna della Strada Chapel on June 7, 1973.

After earning a Master of Science in Linguistics from Georgetown University, he taught Latin to novices at Milford and then Latin, Greek, German and English at Loyola Academy. He served in campus ministry at Xavier University in Cincinnati from 1974 to 1982 where he held a variety of positions, including pastor of Bellarmine Chapel and Director of Campus Ministry. In 1982 he became Associate Editor and Business Manager of Company Magazine, a position he held until he was named provincial in 2003.

Rev. James G. Gartland, SJ

President, Cristo Rey Jesuit High School

James G. Gartland, SJ, was elected to the Marquette University Board of Trustees in 2006. He is president of Cristo Rey Jesuit High School, which offers a Catholic college preparatory education for the immigrant families of Chicago's near southwest side. He was part of the founding team of Cristo Rey Jesuit High School in 1996 and became president in 2004.

Previously, he served as pastor of St. Procopius, a Mexican immigrant parish in Chicago, from 1994 to 1999. After teaching theology at Loyola Academy in Wilmette, Ill. for three years, he entered the Society of Jesus in 1983. He taught in Peru from 1987 to 1990 and was ordained a priest in 1993. He earned a bachelor's degree from Xavier University, master's degrees in philosophy and religious education from Loyola University Chicago, and a master's in divinity from the Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley.

Representative LaShawn K. Ford (D-8th District)

State of Illinois House of Representatives

Rep. LaShawn Ford is a real estate entrepreneur and founder of Ford Desired Realty, Inc. He received his B.S. in Education from Loyola University in Chicago, before becoming a former history teacher and basketball coach for Chicago Public Schools. He is a licensed Illinois real estate broker, member of the Chicago and National Association of Realtors, board member of the Austin YMCA, board member of Circle Family Care, board member of the Austin Chamber of Commerce, founding organizer of Zawadi Youth Group, and member of St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church Parish Council and Finance Committee.

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