

# Meet Dr. Dan Ryan

Meet Dr. Dan Ryan, Ed.D., president at Dowling Catholic High School in Des Moines, Iowa. His passion for Catholic schools has inspired extensive writing and action research in the area of Catholic school governance, advocacy for school choice at a national and state level, and strategic planning efforts at 25 Diocesan schools over the course of his career.

Dr. Ryan has a proven track record of finding pragmatic solutions to support the mission of Catholic schools while addressing the specific concerns of communities. Other areas of success include developing committee-driven boards and increasing state tax credits to fund student scholarships. His writings have been featured in Catholic Education Journal, NCEA Momentum, and A Catholic School Governance Handbook for a New Era.

Before joining the Dowling Catholic team in 2017, Dr. Ryan served as the Superintendent of Schools for the Diocese of Sioux City for eight years and as an elementary and high school principal for eight years in the Diocese of Davenport. His teaching experience focused on History and Special Education in a variety of settings including a juvenile detention center and public schools.

Dr. Ryan earned his Bachelor's and Master's degrees in History from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, his Doctorate in Educational Leadership from the University of Northern Iowa, and holds education endorsements from Adams State University in Colorado and the University of Northern Iowa. He resides in Des Moines with his wife and four children.

