



Dr. Marco Clark is in his 34th year as a Catholic educator, 25 of which he served alongside the Brothers of Holy Cross. Recently, he held the position of executive director of the Holy Cross Institute at St. Edward's University (TX), providing leadership support for the 120 Holy Cross schools around the world by conducting research, publishing resources, and delivering programs to ensure their Holy Cross mission, identity, and educational charism. He also worked collaboratively with the campus ministry office for mission integration at St. Edward's University.

By serving on the University Planning Council and as a member of the President's Task Force on Systemic Racism, Dr. Clark was instrumental in helping to align the St. Edward's University strategic plan initiated by President Montserrat Fuentes with the foundational charism of the Congregation of Holy Cross: to regenerate society, to "bring about a better time" by a constant response to the most pressing needs of the Church and society. Dr. Clark was also an assistant professor at St. Edward's University in the Ed.D. program in Leadership and Higher Education teaching a course titled *Leading in Times of Crisis and Complexity* and serving as a dissertation adviser for numerous doctoral students.

Previously, Dr. Clark served as the President & CEO (2010-2020) and Principal (1997-2010) at Bishop McNamara High School, a Holy Cross Brothers school located outside of Washington, DC. During Dr. Clark's 23-year tenure the school doubled the school's enrollment, established new programs in science, technology, the arts, humanities, and athletics; created an inclusion program for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities; initiated and grew the school's first endowment; launched and saw to completion three strategic plans; and strengthened the school's financial standing through successful fundraising efforts and fiscal responsibility. He was also instrumental in expanding the campus footprint with the addition of new and renovated athletics facilities including locker rooms, strength and fitness room, baseball and softball stadiums, and installed a new turf field and stadium to accommodate football, men's and women's soccer, and men's and women's lacrosse, created new sacred spaces on campus enhancing the school's Catholic identity, and oversaw a number of other facilities renovations and campus enhancements.

In 2015 Dr. Clark completed his doctoral studies at Creighton University. His dissertation research, *Leadership Formation for Succession*, thrust him into a national spotlight as one of the leading voices on leadership development, effective governance, and strategic planning in Catholic education. He has spoken and published extensively on these and other related topics.

He has also served or currently serves on several Boards and Committees, most notably the International Education Commission for the Congregation of Holy Cross, National Catholic Educational Association's Leadership Advisory Board, the Prince George's County (MD) Educational Task Force, the Board of Education in the Archdiocese of Washington, the Board of

Visitor's at Bowie State University (MD), and as a trustee at the University of Holy Cross (LA), A.T. Still Health Sciences University (MO, AZ, CA), and the Consortium of Catholic Academies (DC).

Dr. Clark holds a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from the College of the Holy Cross (MA), a Master's in Education in Guidance and Counseling from Bowie State University (MD), and a Doctorate in Education in Interdisciplinary Leadership from Creighton University (NE).

He and his wife Peggy, a Catholic school math teacher, have three grown children and five grandchildren. As a former Division I student-athlete and coach, Marco is also an avid sports fan. He loves to bike, kayak, hike, spend time with his family, travel, relax on the beach, and play golf. Marco and Peggy live in downtown South Bend, Indiana, and have been attending St. Joseph Catholic Church.