Fr. William H. Muller, SJ  
Executive Director, Jesuit Schools Network

Fr. William H. Muller, SJ, a Jesuit educator and longtime high school principal and president, is the newly appointed executive director of the Jesuit Schools Network.

A Northern California native, Fr. Muller entered the Society of Jesus directly after graduating from Bellarmine College Preparatory in San Jose, California. He earned a bachelor’s degree in philosophy from Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington, and a Master of Divinity degree from the Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley, California, before being ordained to the priesthood in 1973.

Fr. Muller’s first teaching assignment was at Loyola High School of Los Angeles, where he served on the English, theology and theater faculties before assuming the role of assistant principal in 1977. From 1979 to 1980, Fr. Muller was the director of campus ministry at St. Ignatius College Preparatory in San Francisco before teaching theology and theater for seven years at his alma mater, Bellarmine College Prep. Assigned in 1987 as the rector of the Loyola Jesuit Community in Los Angeles, Fr. Muller also served as the principal of Loyola High School before being assigned in 1989 as the provincial assistant for formation for the California Province of the Society of Jesus. Returning to Bellarmine in 1992, he served on the theology and theater faculties before assuming the role of president from 1993 to 2003. From 2003 to 2008, he served as the provincial assistant for secondary and pre-secondary education for the California Province of the Society of Jesus, and Fr. Muller then assumed the presidency of Verbum Dei High School, the Cristo Rey school in the Watts section of Los Angeles, from 2008 to 2014. Prior to his new position with the Jesuit Schools Network, he was the superior of the Phoenix Jesuit Community and served on the secondary and pre-secondary staff for the California and Oregon Provinces of the Society of Jesus.

Fr. Muller is a member of the boards of trustees of Brophy College Preparatory in Phoenix, St. Ignatius College Preparatory in San Francisco, Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles and the board of directors of the Association of Catholic Student Councils in Pasadena, California. In addition, he served on the board of the Jesuit Secondary Education Association, the predecessor organization to the Jesuit Schools Network.