

Treat everyone as if they were good



Todd Whitaker speaks Aug. 22 at the Convocation of Catholic Schools in Baltimore. (CR Staff/George P. Matysek Jr.)

Do you know how you come across to others? If you do, there's a good chance you are highly effective in your job and other areas of your life. If not, well, you might want to make a few changes.

In an Aug. 22 keynote address to more than 2,000 educators from across the Archdiocese of Baltimore, Todd Whitaker talked about what makes great teachers – and people – different from others. He challenged educators to treat everyone as if they were good — even the so-called “crummy” kids, teachers or parents.

Whitaker is a professor of educational leadership at Indiana State University and author of the best-selling, “What Great Teachers do Differently.”

Here's an audio clip from his talk, which was delivered at the Baltimore Convention Center. While directed at educators, the message applies to everyone. It's worth a listen. Whitaker is an engaging and funny speaker.

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