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Stephen Katsouros, S.J., EdD (MA '91) is a member of the United States East Province of the Society of Jesus, and the president and chief executive officer of the Come to Believe Foundation and Network in New York City. Come to Believe provides advisory services to universities with the capacity to launch and sustain successful two-year commuter college programs that enable high potential students from low wealth backgrounds to earn an associate degree and provide a pathway to a bachelor's degree for these students.

Fr. Katsouros earned his bachelor's degree in English at the University of Maryland, his master's degree in reading education at Fordham University, and his master's degree in philosophy at Loyola University Chicago. He also studied at the Weston Jesuit School of Theology, which awarded him the Master of Divinity degree, and he was ordained in 1998. Fr. Katsouros received his master's degree in organizational leadership from the Harvard University Graduate School of Education, and his doctorate in organizational leadership from Columbia University Teachers College.

Prior to his work at Come to Believe, Fr. Katsouros served as the founding dean and executive director of Arrupe College at Loyola University Chicago. He worked as the director of the Institute for Catholic Educational Leadership and served as associate dean of the School of Education at the University of San Francisco. Katsouros was president of the Loyola School, a coed Jesuit high school in New York City, for a decade, and he also served as director of development and the dean of student affairs at St. Peter's Preparatory School in Jersey City, N.J.

At Arrupe College, a two-year school that continues the Jesuit tradition of offering a rigorous liberal arts education to a diverse population, Fr. Katsouros was recognized for his work successfully retaining and graduating students. His book on the launch of Arrupe College, *Come to Believe: How the Jesuits Are Reinventing Education (Again)*, was published by Orbis in 2017, and the book won an award from the Christophers the following year.

Fr. Katsouros is a trustee at Cristo Rey Jesuit High School, Chicago; the Josephinum Academy of the Sacred Heart, Chicago; Regis High School, New York; Regis University, Denver; Saint Mary's College, South Bend, Indiana; and also at Saint Peter's University in Jersey City, New Jersey.