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**Text of the questionnaire we sent to Catholic colleges.**

1. Did the president make the public "Profession of Faith" and take the "Oath of Fidelity"?
2. Is the majority of the board of trustees Catholic?
3. Is the majority of the faculty Catholic?
4. Do you publicly require all Catholic theology professors to have the *mandatum*?
5. Did all Catholic theology professors take the "Oath of Fidelity"?
6. Do you provide daily Mass and posted times (at least weekly) for individual confession?
7. Do you exclude advocates of abortion, euthanasia, embryonic stem-cell research or cloning as commencement speakers or recipients of honorary degrees?
8. Do you exclude sponsoring pro-abortion campus groups?
9. Do you exclude coed dorms?
10. Do your student health services exclude referrals to abortion businesses?



Here are the 38 schools that each answered 10 questions about their college's institutional standards and campus culture. A check mark indicates a positive answer to our Catholic identity question. Schools' comments expanding upon a "Yes" answer and explaining a "No" answer are included. View online at [NCRegister.com / "Resourses."](http://NCRegister.com/Resourses)



BENEDICTINE COLLEGE

**Aquinas College**

4210 Harding Pike  
Nashville, TN 37205  
(615) 297-7545; toll-free (800) 649-9956  
[AquinasCollege.edu](http://AquinasCollege.edu)  
Enrollment: 618

- ✓ SPEAKERS VETTED
- ✓ UNOBJECTIONABLE CLUBS
- N/A NO COED DORMS
- N/A \* HEALTH SERVICES OKAY

**School's Comments:**

**Faculty:** 100% Catholic faculty  
**Mandatum:** required of the entire faculty  
**Mass & Confession:** Daily Mass, individual spiritual direction and confession are all available and regularly attended or utilized.  
**Clubs:** We not only exclude pro-abortion groups; we do no external business with groups that promote practices in opposition to Church teachings.  
**Dorms:** We do not directly provide dormitories. We do promote "households," where many of our students choose to live together in either exclusively female or exclusively male communities.  
**Health:** We do not provide health coverage, and we only promote practices in adherence with Catholic teachings. We also take the extra step of only choosing business vendors that do not support these practices as well.  
**Enrollment:** Offering theological M.A. degrees both on campus and through video-distance education, the Augustine Institute has become the third-largest Catholic master's program training people for ministry in the U.S.

**The Institution:**

- ✓ PRESIDENT'S OATH
- ✓ CATHOLIC BOARD
- ✓ CATHOLIC FACULTY
- ✓ MANDATUM REQUIRED
- ✓ THEOLOGIAN'S OATH

**Campus Culture:**

- ✓ \*MASS AND CONFESSION
- ✓ SPEAKERS VETTED
- ✓ UNOBJECTIONABLE CLUBS
- ✓ \*NO COED DORMS
- ✓ HEALTH SERVICES OKAY

**School's Comments:**

**Institution:** Aquinas College is in the heart of Nashville and is the only four-year Catholic liberal arts college in middle and east Tennessee. The new master's degree programs in teacher education and nursing education are based on strict Catholic and Dominican teaching and tradition. The new perpetual adoration chapel constructed from an existing building will be the first of its kind in the Diocese of Nashville and will be blessed and dedicated on Oct. 22, the feast day of Pope St. John Paul II.  
**Campus Culture:** includes a new Center for Faith and Culture  
**Residential Life:** House life is based on the Oxbridge model.  
**Mass & Confession:** daily for both

**The Augustine Institute — Theological Master's Program**

6160 S. Syracuse Way  
Greenwood Village, CO 80111  
(303) 937-4420  
[AugustineInstitute.org](http://AugustineInstitute.org)  
Enrollment: 300

**Ave Maria University**

5050 Ave Maria Blvd.  
Ave Maria, FL 34142  
(877) AVE-UNIV (283-8648)  
[AveMaria.edu](http://AveMaria.edu)  
Enrollment: 1,100 (1,000 undergraduates; 100 graduate students)

**The Institution:**

- ✓ PRESIDENT'S OATH
- ✓ CATHOLIC BOARD
- ✓ CATHOLIC FACULTY
- ✓ MANDATUM REQUIRED
- ✓ THEOLOGIAN'S OATH

**Campus Culture:**

- ✓ MASS AND CONFESSION
- ✓ SPEAKERS VETTED
- ✓ UNOBJECTIONABLE CLUBS
- ✓ NO COED DORMS
- ✓ HEALTH SERVICES OKAY

**The Institution:**

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- ✓ MANDATUM REQUIRED
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**Campus Culture:**

- ✓ MASS AND CONFESSION

# Questionnaire Sources

The Catholic Identity College Questionnaire offers objective questions about a university's Catholic identity. We designed the questionnaire so that a "YES" answer reflects essential elements of the renewal of Catholic identity called for by Pope St. John Paul II's 1990 apostolic constitution on higher education, *Ex Corde Ecclesiae* (Out of the Heart of the Church), its 2000 "Application to the United States," canon law and other relevant Church documents.

**The Institution**

■ **President's Oath:** Canon 833: The president of a Catholic university is personally bound to make a profession of faith, according to the formula approved by the Apostolic See, in the presence of the chancellor or diocesan bishop or a delegate at the beginning of the term of office.

*The Profession of Faith and the Oath of Fidelity, "Acta Apostolicae Sedis" 1989:* The obligation of a special oath of fidelity has been extended to presidents of Catholic universities.

■ **Catholic Board:** U.S. Application: To the extent possible, the majority of the board of trustees should be Catholics committed to the Church.

■ **Catholic Faculty:** U.S. Application: The university should strive to recruit and appoint Catholics as professors so that, to the extent possible, those committed to the witness of the faith will constitute a majority of the faculty.

■ **Mandatum Required:** Canon 812: It is necessary that Catholic theologians have a *mandatum* from the diocesan bishop.

*Pope John Paul II (to American bishops, 2004):* "By their very nature, Catholic colleges and universities are called to offer an institutional witness of fidelity to Christ and to his word as it comes to us from the Church, a public witness expressed in the canonical requirement of the *mandatum*."

U.S. Application: Both the university and the bishops, aware of the contributions made by theologians to Church and academy, have a right to expect them to present authentic Catholic teaching. Catholic professors of the theological disciplines have a corresponding duty to be faithful to the Church's magisterium as the authoritative interpreter of sacred Scripture and sacred Tradition.

U.S. Application: Catholic students have a right to receive from a university instruction in authentic Catholic doctrine and practice, especially from theologians.

*Mandatum Text:* "I hereby declare my role and responsibility as a teacher of a theological discipline within the full communion of the Church. As a teacher of a theological discipline, therefore, I am committed to teach authentic Catholic doctrine and to refrain from putting forth as Catholic teaching anything contrary to the

Church's magisterium."

U.S. Application: If a particular professor lacks a *mandatum* and continues to teach a theological discipline, the university must determine what further action may be taken in accordance with its own mission and statutes.

■ **Theologians' Oath:** Canon 833: Catholic theologians are personally bound to make a profession of faith, according to the formula approved by the Apostolic See, in the presence of the university president if he is a priest, or the diocesan bishop or a delegate, at the beginning of their term of office.

*The Profession of Faith and the Oath of Fidelity, "Acta Apostolicae Sedis" 1989:* The obligation of a special oath of fidelity has been extended to Catholic theology professors.

**Campus Culture**

■ **Mass and Confession:** U.S. Application: Catholic students have a right to be provided with opportunities to practice the faith through participation in Mass, the sacraments, religious devotions and other authentic forms of Catholic spirituality. The university shall make provision for effective campus-ministry programs, including the celebration of the sacraments, especially the Eucharist and penance, other liturgical celebrations and opportunities for prayer and spiritual reflection.

■ **Speakers Vetted:** *The U.S. Bishops' 2004 "Catholics in Political Life":* Catholic institutions should not honor those who act in defiance of our fundamental moral principles. They should not be given awards, honors or platforms that would suggest support for their actions.

■ **Unobjectionable Clubs:** U.S. Application: It is important for Catholic universities to implement in practical terms their commitment to the essential elements of Catholic identity, including activities of officially recognized student and faculty organizations and associations.

■ **No Coed Dorms:** U.S. Application: It is important for Catholic universities to implement in practical terms their commitment to the essential elements of Catholic identity, including the commitment to create a campus culture and environment that is expressive and supportive of a Catholic way of life.

■ **Health Services Okay:** U.S. Application: It is important for Catholic universities to implement in practical terms their commitment to the essential elements of Catholic identity, including the commitment to provide health care in conformity with the Church's ethical and religious teaching and directives.

**Belmont Abbey College**

100 Belmont-Mount Holly Road  
Belmont, NC 28012  
(888) 222-0110  
[BelmontAbbeyCollege.edu](http://BelmontAbbeyCollege.edu)  
Enrollment: 1,674

**The Institution:**

- ✓ PRESIDENT'S OATH
- ✓ \*CATHOLIC BOARD
- ✓ CATHOLIC FACULTY
- ✓ MANDATUM REQUIRED
- ✓ \*THEOLOGIAN'S OATH

**Campus Culture:**

- ✓ MASS AND CONFESSION
- ✓ SPEAKERS VETTED
- ✓ UNOBJECTIONABLE CLUBS
- ✓ \*NO COED DORMS
- ✓ HEALTH SERVICES OKAY

**School's Comments:**

**Catholic Board and Faculty:** With regard to the board of trustees, the college follows the policy outlined in the apostolic constitution *Ex Corde Ecclesiae* of St. John Paul II and the norms contained in "The Application of *Ex Corde Ecclesiae* for the United States" promulgated by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.  
**Theologians' Oath:** The *mandatum* is the proper requirement for undergraduate faculty and institutions, and

we require it of all Catholic faculty members in theology. The "Profession of Faith" and "Oath of Fidelity" are more proper for pontifical faculties teaching in seminaries.

**Coed Dorms:** We have six residence halls. Five of the six are single-sex, and only one is coed. It is reserved for upperclassmen, and each floor is divided by men and women. Visitation policies are enforced in this hall, as they are in all of our residential halls. This upperclassmen residence hall provides those students who live there an opportunity to demonstrate the ability to live in an adult community while at the same time upholding themselves and their colleagues to excellence and virtue.

**Benedictine College**

1020 N. Second St.  
Atchison, KS 66002  
(913) 367-5340  
[Benedictine.edu](http://Benedictine.edu)  
Enrollment: 1,730

**The Institution:**

- ✓ PRESIDENT'S OATH
- ✓ CATHOLIC BOARD
- ✓ CATHOLIC FACULTY
- ✓ MANDATUM REQUIRED
- ✓ THEOLOGIAN'S OATH

**Campus Culture:**

- ✓ MASS AND CONFESSION
- ✓ SPEAKERS VETTED
- ✓ UNOBJECTIONABLE CLUBS
- ✓ NO COED DORMS
- ✓ HEALTH SERVICES OKAY

**Campion College Australia**

P.O. Box 3052  
Toongabbie East  
NSW 2146  
Australia  
+61 2 9896 9300  
[Campion.edu.au](http://Campion.edu.au)  
Enrollment: 90

**The Institution:**

- ✓ PRESIDENT'S OATH
- ✓ CATHOLIC BOARD
- ✓ CATHOLIC FACULTY
- ✓ MANDATUM REQUIRED
- ✓ THEOLOGIAN'S OATH

**Campus Culture:**

- ✓ MASS AND CONFESSION
- ✓ SPEAKERS VETTED
- ✓ UNOBJECTIONABLE CLUBS
- ✓ \*NO COED DORMS
- ✓ HEALTH SERVICES OKAY

**School's Comments:**

**Institution:** As the only Catholic liberal

arts college in Australia, Campion goes to the core of education, faith and human flourishing. Located in western Sydney, Campion offers a uniquely integrated and fully accredited B.A. in the liberal arts. Small class sizes (tutorials are capped at 15 students) allow for a genuine community of learning in which students get to know faculty personally. Through studying literature, history, theology, philosophy, science and math, Campion students are taught to think critically, problem-solve and communicate effectively. As Albert Einstein said, "The value of an education at a liberal arts college is not the learning of many facts but the training of the mind to think." Where many view university education as mere job training, Campion focuses on students' entire formation: spiritual, intellectual, social and vocational. Campion is grounded in the Catholic faith and exercises faithfulness to the teachings of the Church, but it helps all students live out their faith in all of life.  
**Dorms:** Campion's accommodations are segregated, male and female, across all dorms and residences. Individuals are not permitted to enter rooms of the opposite sex, and access to the living spaces is limited. Senior students are designated as residential assistants, and one is allocated to each area. There is a senior residential assistant who lives on campus.

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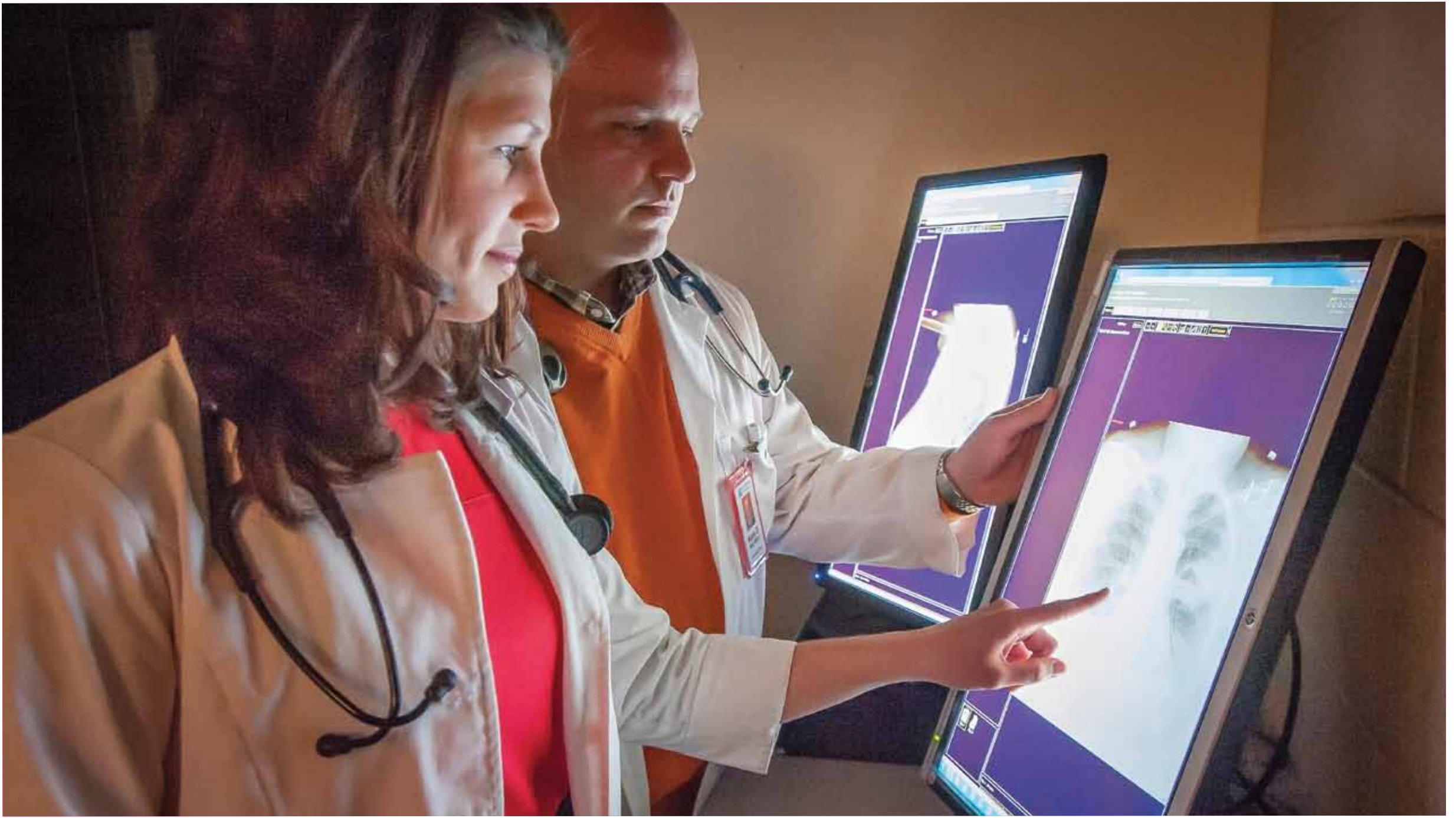
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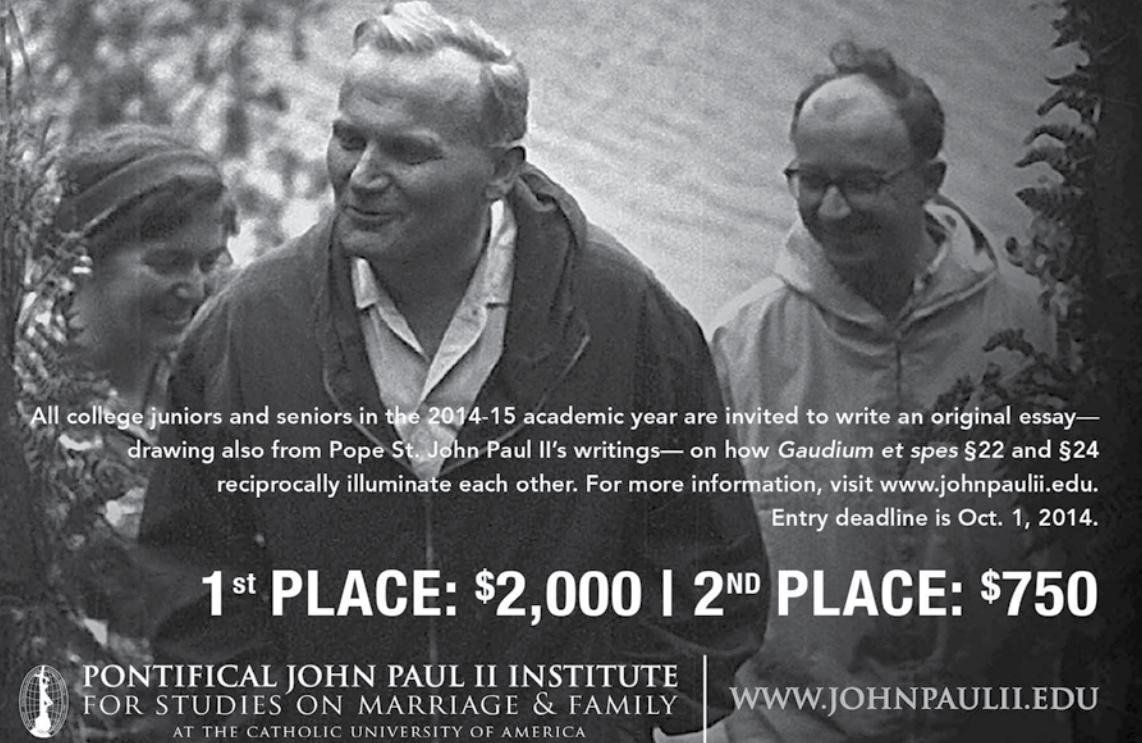
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DONNELLY COLLEGE

**The Catholic Distance University**

120 E. Colonial Hwy.  
Hamilton, VA 20158-9012  
(888) 254-4238, ext. 700  
[CDU.edu](http://CDU.edu)  
Enrollment: 800

**The Institution:**

- ✓ PRESIDENT'S OATH
- ✓ CATHOLIC BOARD
- ✓ CATHOLIC FACULTY
- ✓ \*MANDATUM REQUIRED
- ✓ \*THEOLOGIAN'S OATH

**Campus Culture:\***

- N/A MASS AND CONFESSION
- N/A SPEAKERS VETTED
- N/A UNOBJECTIONABLE CLUBS
- N/A NO COED DORMS
- N/A HEALTH SERVICES OKAY

**School's Comments:**  
**Mandatum & Theologians' Oath:** Since our theology faculty are primarily adjunct, the *mandatum* is taken in the diocese of their full-time employment.  
**Culture:** CDU is an online university.

**The Catholic University of America**

620 Michigan Ave., NE  
Washington, DC 20064  
(202) 319-5000  
[CUA.edu](http://CUA.edu)  
Enrollment: 6,725 (3,713 undergraduates; 3,012 graduate students, as of fall 2013)

**The Institution:**

- ✓ PRESIDENT'S OATH
- ✓ CATHOLIC BOARD
- ✓ CATHOLIC FACULTY
- \*MANDATUM REQUIRED
- \*THEOLOGIAN'S OATH

**Campus Culture:**

- ✓ MASS AND CONFESSION
- ✓ SPEAKERS VETTED
- ✓ UNOBJECTIONABLE CLUBS
- \*NO COED DORMS
- ✓ HEALTH SERVICES OKAY

**School's Comments:**  
**Mandatum:** Catholic theologians must receive a "canonical mission" from the local bishop/chancellor that obliges them to "teach in the name of the Church" — it is different from the *mandatum*.  
**Theologians' Oath:** The Catholic faculty recite the "Profession of Faith" in the presence of and along with the local bishop/chancellor and president at the opening Mass of each academic year. Catholic faculty have not been required to take the "Oath of Fidelity" because of the canonical mission/*nihil obstat* binding the ecclesiastical faculties.  
**Dorms:** Beginning in fall 2014, virtually all undergraduate students will reside in single-sex residence halls. In addition, three halls have religious in residence — two female residence halls have sisters living with students, and a priest lives in one of the male halls.

**Christendom College**

134 Christendom Drive  
Front Royal, VA 22630-6534  
(800) 877-5456  
[Christendom.edu](http://Christendom.edu)  
Enrollment: 425

**The Institution:**

- ✓ PRESIDENT'S OATH
- ✓ CATHOLIC BOARD
- ✓ CATHOLIC FACULTY
- ✓ MANDATUM REQUIRED
- ✓ THEOLOGIAN'S OATH

**Campus Culture: \***

- ✓ MASS AND CONFESSION
- ✓ SPEAKERS VETTED
- ✓ UNOBJECTIONABLE CLUBS
- ✓ NO COED DORMS
- ✓ HEALTH SERVICES OKAY

**School's Comments:**  
**Institution:** Christendom College has been providing one of the most rigorous liberal arts educations in the nation for the past 37 years. In complete faithfulness to the magisterium, the college has been giving its students the opportunity to grow academically, in a personalized and supportive environment, so that they can achieve all of their dreams and ambitions.

**College of Saint Mary**

7000 Mercy Road  
Omaha, NE 68106  
(402) 399-2454  
[CSM.edu](http://CSM.edu)  
Enrollment: 1,037

**The Institution:**

- ✓ PRESIDENT'S OATH
- ✓ CATHOLIC BOARD
- ✓ CATHOLIC FACULTY
- ✓ \*MANDATUM REQUIRED
- ✓ THEOLOGIAN'S OATH

**Campus Culture:\***

- ✓ MASS AND CONFESSION
- ✓ SPEAKERS VETTED
- ✓ UNOBJECTIONABLE CLUBS
- ✓ \*NO COED DORMS
- ✓ \*HEALTH SERVICES OKAY

**School's Comments:**  
**Mandatum:** All theology faculty have the *mandatum*.  
**Dorms:** As a women's college, we only have residence halls for women.  
**Health:** Our health service is provided by Alegent Creighton Health System.

Students are given the opportunity to take on important leadership roles, as well as broaden their horizons, through international mission trips, a junior semester-in-Rome program and a summer-abroad program in Ireland. The college's reputation for academic excellence, personalized attention, commitment to student success and its extracurricular offerings make it a leader among Catholic colleges today.

**College of St. Mary Magdalen**

511 Kearsarge Mountain Road  
Warner, NH 03278  
(603) 456-2656  
[Magdalen.edu](http://Magdalen.edu)  
Enrollment: 75

**The Institution:**

- ✓ PRESIDENT'S OATH
- ✓ CATHOLIC BOARD
- ✓ CATHOLIC FACULTY
- ✓ MANDATUM REQUIRED
- ✓ THEOLOGIAN'S OATH

**Campus Culture:**

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- ✓ HEALTH SERVICES OKAY

**DeSales University**

2755 Station Ave.  
Center Valley, PA 18034  
(877) 4-DESALES  
[DeSales.edu](http://DeSales.edu)  
Enrollment: 3,266 (undergraduate and graduate students); 1,606 full-time, traditional undergraduates

**The Institution:**

- ✓ PRESIDENT'S OATH
- ✓ CATHOLIC BOARD
- ✓ CATHOLIC FACULTY
- \*MANDATUM REQUIRED
- ✓ THEOLOGIAN'S OATH

**Campus Culture:**

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**School's Comments:**  
**Faculty:** The university does not have those statistics.  
**Dorms:** Some DeSales residence halls do house both sexes, separated by wing or floor. Access to these areas is limited by proximity card access; opposite sexes cannot access each other's areas without being escorted as a guest during normal visitation hours.

**Donnelly College**

608 North 18th St.  
Kansas City, KS 66102  
(913) 621-8700  
[Donnelly.edu](http://Donnelly.edu)  
Enrollment: 700

**The Institution:**

- ✓ PRESIDENT'S OATH
- ✓ CATHOLIC BOARD
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**School's Comments:**  
**Institution:** Donnelly College seeks to continue the mission of Jesus Christ in our time by making the love of God tangible in our world. Specifically, the mission of Donnelly College is to provide Catholic education and community services with personal concern for the needs and abilities of each student, especially those who might not otherwise be served.  
**President's Oath:** Our new president, Msgr. Stuart Sweetland, will take the "Oath of Fidelity" at our opening Mass on Sept. 11. The theology faculty will join him in the oath.

**Franciscan University of Steubenville**

1235 University Blvd.  
Steubenville, OH 43952  
(800) 783-6220  
[Franciscan.edu](http://Franciscan.edu)  
Enrollment: 2,466

**The Institution:**

- ✓ PRESIDENT'S OATH
- ✓ CATHOLIC BOARD
- ✓ CATHOLIC FACULTY
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CHRISTENDOM COLLEGE



COLLEGE OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN

**Holy Apostles College and Seminary**

33 Prospect Hill Road  
Cromwell, CT 06416-2027  
(860) 632-3010  
HolyApostles.edu  
Enrollment: 250

- The Institution:**
- ✓ PRESIDENT'S OATH
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  - ✓ SPEAKERS VETTED
  - ✓ UNOBJECTIONABLE CLUBS
  - N/A NO COED DORMS
  - ✓ HEALTH SERVICES OKAY

**School's Comments:**  
**Institution:** The mission of Holy Apostles College and Seminary is to cultivate ordained, consecrated and lay Catholic leaders for the purpose of evangelization. The bachelor of arts program offers a philosophically based Catholic liberal arts degree for the purpose of graduate school and life. Courses are offered on campus and through distance learning.

**Holy Cross College**

54515 State Road 933 N.  
Notre Dame, IN 46556-0308  
(574) 239-8400

HCC-ND.edu  
Enrollment: 530

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  - ✓ SPEAKERS VETTED
  - ✓ UNOBJECTIONABLE CLUBS
  - ✓ NO COED DORMS
  - ✓ HEALTH SERVICES OKAY

**Holy Spirit College**

4465 Northside Drive  
Atlanta, GA 30327  
(678) 904-4959  
HolySpiritCollege.org  
Enrollment: 2 full-time undergraduate students; 14 graduate students

- The Institution:**
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  - ✓ CATHOLIC FACULTY
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- Campus Culture:**
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  - ✓ SPEAKERS VETTED
  - N/A UNOBJECTIONABLE CLUBS
  - N/A NO COED DORMS
  - N/A HEALTH SERVICES OKAY

**School's Comments:**  
**Institution:** Catholic identity lies at the heart of Holy Spirit College. The graduate program now includes the master of theological studies and master of theology. The college also initiated a new catechetical certification program with 28 participants already enrolled.  
**Dorms and Health Services:** The college provides no housing and no health services.

**Institute for the Psychological Sciences**

2001 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Suite 511  
Arlington, VA 22202  
(703) 416-1441  
IPSciences.edu  
Enrollment: 80

- The Institution:**
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- Campus Culture:**
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  - ✓ SPEAKERS VETTED
  - ✓ UNOBJECTIONABLE CLUBS
  - N/A NO COED DORMS
  - N/A HEALTH SERVICES OKAY

**School's Comments:**  
**Institution:** IPS offers on-campus master's degrees and a doctorate in clinical psychology and an online master's in psychology. We also offer a wide variety of on-demand training and certification programs for individuals, parents and "first responders," as well as continuing-education programs for counseling staff, therapists and other mental-health professionals.  
**Dorms:** IPS is a commuter campus.  
**Health:** IPS does not provide health services.

**International Theological Institute — School of Catholic Theology**

Schlossgasse 21  
Trumau, Austria  
+011 43 2253 21808  
ITI.ac.at  
Enrollment: 80

- The Institution:**
- ✓ PRESIDENT'S OATH
  - ✓ CATHOLIC BOARD
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  - ✓ MANDATUM REQUIRED
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- Campus Culture:**
- ✓ MASS AND CONFESSION

- ✓ SPEAKERS VETTED
- ✓ UNOBJECTIONABLE CLUBS
- ✓ NO COED DORMS
- ✓ HEALTH SERVICES OKAY

**School's Comments:**  
**Institution:** ITI is an ecclesiastical theological faculty, founded at the direct request of Pope St. John Paul II. Degrees are granted by the Holy See, both in theology and specialized studies on marriage and the family. Also offered is a one-year "Studium Generale" program, an affordable way to study abroad and earn college credit. It is located near Vienna, Austria, and the language of instruction is English. Faithful to the magisterium, ITI brings together students from all over the world. It seeks to be a place of interchange between diverse cultures and a living experience of the Church universal. Since students come from both Roman and Byzantine rites of the Church, ITI draws on the rich theological traditions of both the East and the West. It strives "to breathe with both lungs of the Church" (Pope St. John Paul II). The Greek Fathers and Thomas Aquinas serve as particularly central points of reference.

**Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family at The Catholic University of America**

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McGivney Hall  
Washington, DC 20064  
(202) 526-3799  
JohnPaullII.edu  
Enrollment: approximately 80

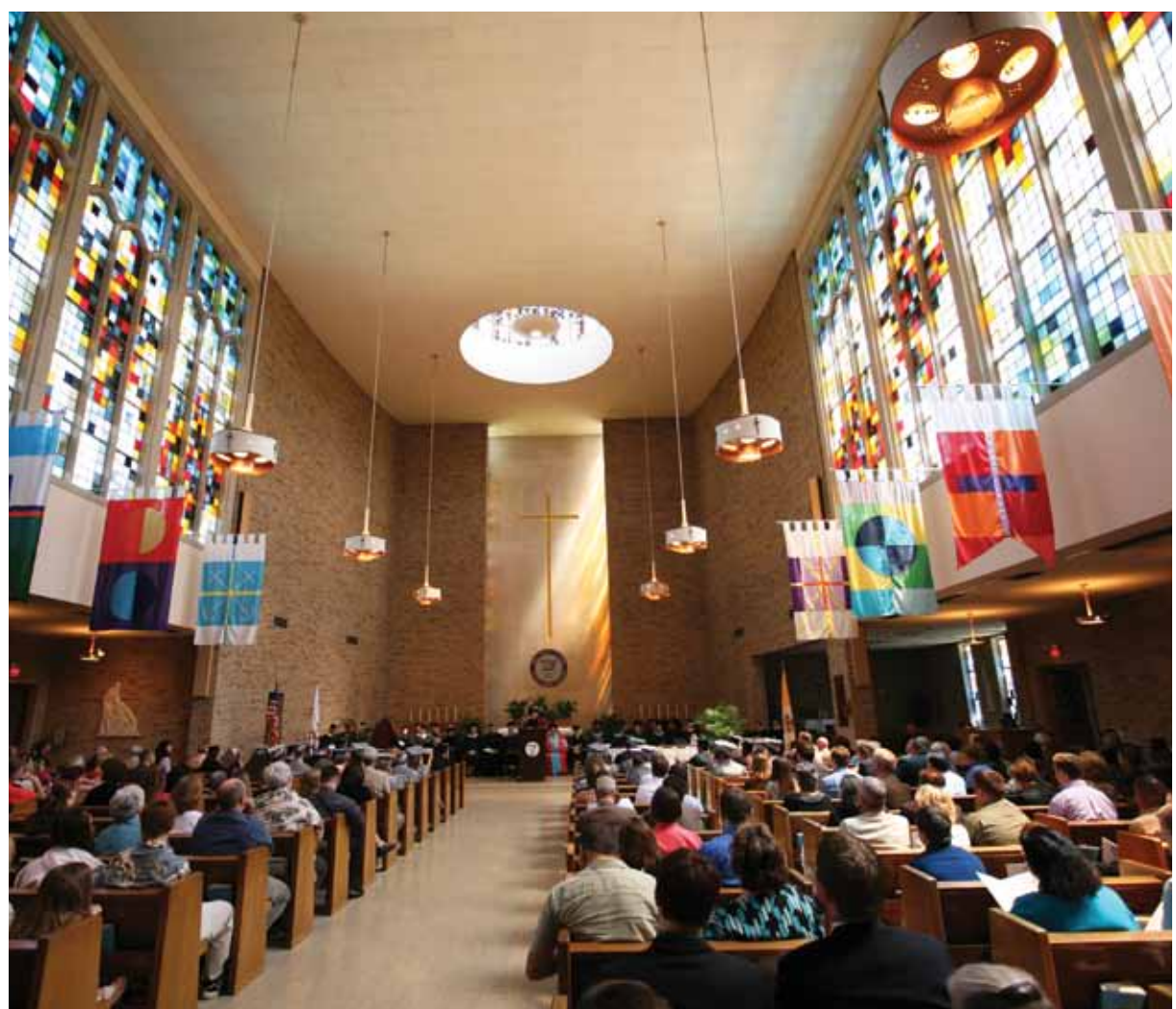
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  - N/A MANDATUM REQUIRED
  - N/A THEOLOGIAN'S OATH

- Campus Culture:**
- ✓ MASS AND CONFESSION
  - ✓ SPEAKERS VETTED
  - ✓ UNOBJECTIONABLE CLUBS
  - N/A NO COED DORMS
  - N/A HEALTH SERVICES OKAY

**School's Comments:**  
**President's Oath, Mandatum, Theologians' Oath:** The institute is a grad-

uate, theological, pontifical institute (not a university) founded by Pope St. John Paul II. With its central mission/goal of providing a comprehensive understanding of marriage and family that is faithful to the teaching of Catholic magisterial tradition, any institute faculty member is such only because he or she upholds this and has an expertise in the subject matter taught. All of the institute's professors have received approval from the local bishop and the Vatican's Congregation for Catholic Education. **Mass & Confession:** An institute Mass is celebrated weekly; the many daily Masses and confession times at the adjacent Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception are frequented; and the local abundance of priests for spiritual direction are sought out easily through the many local religious communities, the shrine, the student body and faculty at the institute and The Catholic University of America, etc. **Health:** We offer a student health-insurance plan but no health services (i.e., a student clinic).

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**Campus Culture:**

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- N/A \*HEALTH SERVICES OKAY

**School's Comments:**

**Health:** We do not offer student health services.

LivingWaterCollege.com

Enrollment: Varies by course\*

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**Campus Culture:**

- ✓ MASS AND CONFESSION
- ✓ SPEAKERS VETTED
- ✓ UNOBJECTIONABLE CLUBS
- ✓ NO COED DORMS
- ✓ HEALTH SERVICES OKAY

**School's Comments:**

**Institution:** Living Water College is working toward presenting its full three-year, degree-granting program. Currently, we are offering short courses that contain the essential elements of the full program: the integration of art, faith and reason.

**Madonna University**

36600 Schoolcraft Road  
Livonia, MI 48150  
(734) 432-5315  
Madonna.edu  
Enrollment: 4,500

**The Institution:**

- ✓ PRESIDENT'S OATH
- ✓ CATHOLIC BOARD
- ✓ CATHOLIC FACULTY
- ✓ MANDATUM REQUIRED
- ✓ THEOLOGIAN'S OATH

**Campus Culture:**

- ✓ MASS AND CONFESSION
- ✓ SPEAKERS VETTED
- ✓ UNOBJECTIONABLE CLUBS
- ✓ NO COED DORMS
- ✓ HEALTH SERVICES OKAY

**School's Comments:**

**Institution:** A Catholic university in the Franciscan tradition, Madonna University was established in 1937. The 4,500-student university offers small classes and big opportunities. Liberal arts, career preparation and service learning are the hallmarks of a Madonna University degree. Focused on student success, Madonna offers more than 100 undergraduate and 35 graduate programs in business, education, nursing, arts and humanities, science and math and the social sciences. Students have access to the latest technology in state-of-the-art science, sign-language and nursing simulation labs and high-definition television and radio studios. Classes are taught by

professors who not only know their students by name, but also possess a wealth of knowledge and experience in their chosen fields. Tutoring, academic support, supplemental instruction and other resources are readily available to assist students in reaching their educational goals. Outside of the classroom, students participate in some 43 student organizations, as well as take advantage of co-op or internship opportunities to gain experience in their fields of study. As a "Champions of Character" institution, Madonna is a member of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, and the Madonna Crusaders compete in 11 men's and women's sports. Proud of its strong Catholic heritage and Franciscan values, Madonna University welcomes students of all ages and varied religious, economic and cultural backgrounds.



MADONNA UNIVERSITY

**Maryvale Institute**

Maryvale House, Old Oscott Hill,  
Birmingham, B44 9AG  
England  
+ 011 44 121 360 8118  
Maryvale.ac.uk  
Enrollment: 736

**The Institution:**

- ✓ PRESIDENT'S OATH
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**Campus Culture:**

- ✓ MASS AND CONFESSION
- ✓ SPEAKERS VETTED
- ✓ UNOBJECTIONABLE CLUBS
- ✓ NO COED DORMS
- ✓ HEALTH SERVICES OKAY

**School's Comments:**

**Institution:** Maryvale Institute is a distance-learning education institute, providing both further-education and higher-education courses in religious education, catechesis, philosophy and theology. Our higher-education programs are validated by the Pontifical Faculty of Notre-dame, Paris, The Open University and Liverpool Hope University. The main mission of Maryvale Institute is to provide authentic Catholic formation for laypeople and for religious.

**Mount St. Mary's University**

16300 Old Emmitsburg Road  
Emmitsburg, MD 21727  
(800) 448-4347  
MSMary.edu  
Enrollment: 2,240  
(1,741 undergraduates)

**The Institution:**

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**Campus Culture:**

- ✓ MASS AND CONFESSION
- ✓ SPEAKERS VETTED
- ✓ UNOBJECTIONABLE CLUBS
- ✓ NO COED DORMS
- ✓ HEALTH SERVICES OKAY

**School's Comments:**

**Institution:** Mount St. Mary's University is proudly and joyfully Catholic. We fully embrace the letter and spirit of *Ex Corde Ecclesiae*. This teaching is embodied in our governing documents.

**Dorms:** In reference to our residence halls, students are divided by secured floors, with women on one floor and men on another — or they are in separate, private apartments. Additionally, we enforce a strong visitation policy wherein students and guests are not allowed on opposite sex's floors after midnight on weekdays and after 2am on weekends. This policy allows the Mount to successfully develop students capable of living in an adult community while practicing the highest moral standards.

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K0J 1B0 Canada  
(613) 756-3082  
SeatofWisdom.org  
Enrollment: 87

**The Institution:**

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- ✓ MANDATUM REQUIRED
- ✓ THEOLOGIAN'S OATH

**Campus Culture:**

- ✓ MASS AND CONFESSION
- ✓ SPEAKERS VETTED

- ✓ UNOBJECTIONABLE CLUBS
- ✓ NO COED DORMS
- ✓ HEALTH SERVICES OKAY

**School's Comments:**

**Mandatum:** Our bishop has indicated that he approves of our theologians teaching theology, is confident that they teach with the mind of the Church and wishes them to continue doing so; and we are working to give this a formal embodiment in the Canadian context.

**Redeemer Pacific College**

7600 Glover Road  
Langley, BC, Canada V2Y 2S9  
(604) 888-7727  
Toll Free: (877) 477-7212  
RedeemerPacific.ca  
Enrollment: 80

**The Institution:**

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- ✓ THEOLOGIAN'S OATH

**Campus Culture:**

- ✓ MASS AND CONFESSION
- ✓ SPEAKERS VETTED
- ✓ UNOBJECTIONABLE CLUBS
- N/A \*NO COED DORMS
- ✓ HEALTH SERVICES OKAY

**School's Comments:**

**Dorms:** RPC does not have any dorms of its own, so all resident students live in the residence of our affiliate, Trinity Western University, Canada's premier Christian liberal arts university. TWU has both single-sex residence halls as well as residence halls in which men and women are separated by either floor or wing.

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# Learning's True Aim

College Presidents Stress Importance of a Liberal Arts Education

BY JOSEPH PRONECHEN

While scores of colleges are expanding their curricula by narrowing specialties and fields of study, some top Catholic colleges are keeping liberal arts alive and well.

Presidents from such colleges shared their insights about the benefits of a liberal arts education for their students.

"It's ultimately responding to the desire of the Church," explained Timothy O'Donnell, president of Christendom College in Front Royal, Va., referring to *Ex Corde Ecclesiae* (On Catholic Universities), St. John Paul II's apostolic exhortation.

"This kind of education leads to the free man, the man who is self-directed," he added. "If you really take the time to study, reflect, think and pray through the liberal arts and math, theology and history — and not to be enslaved by your passions or be carried away by any cultural fads, but only study the truth — it allows you to understand more deeply who you are as a human being and who God is and Christ is."

Through a liberal arts education, he contends, students can come to a deeper understanding of these truths and live based on these truths.

## The Heart of Education

"It gives people the freedom to know who they are and to know something about God and the whole nature of order," O'Donnell said. "And that's the beauty of it: You can go on to do anything, but as a deeply educated and committed Roman Catholic."

O'Donnell said that this is the heart of Catholic education.

"Education is not just about getting a job, but forming the person and entering into the relation of the truth; for us Catholics, ultimately, that encounter is a Person, Jesus Christ," O'Donnell said. He cited Pope St. John Paul II, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI and Pope Francis as having clarified that education is for this higher purpose, not just to train man as a worker, but to have him recognize he has an immortal soul and eternal destiny.

"So many times, we make the mistake and overly limit study in a particular area," he said. "But to raise the most fundamental questions about why things are the way they are is part of a great adventure that starts and never really ends, until we get to the Beatific Vision."

## Post-College Life

Since Americans tend to be pragmatic, liberal arts even excels in this regard, he said, because studying the liberal arts really prepares one for many areas of post-college life.

Graduates who can think and write clearly and live a virtuous life are sought after by employers.

No matter what graduates choose to do, they have "a broad-based education that addresses the most fundamental questions to know who you are, grounded in ethics and virtues that help you to be good in whatever you choose to be," he concluded. "The liberal arts are speculative, but the impact they have on life is very valuable."

Michael McLean, the president of Thomas Aquinas College in Santa Paula, Calif., is of like mind.

He clarified what "liberal" means in this context.

"We use the term 'liberal' education from the Latin word *liber*, meaning 'free,' so this is an education ordered to freedom," he explained. "[It] means the ability for people to govern themselves in accord with natural law and in fidelity to the Gospel."

"Our Lord said, 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life,' and 'The truth will make you free,' so there is a connection between Catholic liberal education and truth," McLean made clear. "In this case, truth is embodied in Jesus Christ, so the education here is really Christ-centered and God-centered."

## Logic and Truth

Theology and philosophy are of central importance, he said. Learning logic and math habituates students to orderly thinking, reasoning and discourse, too.

"The liberal arts really provoke the kind of wonder in the heart and mind that is the starting point of Catholic intellectual life," he said. "The more students are encouraged

to wonder about the world and the beauty around them, the more they are motivated to pursue education."

"But first and most importantly," he observed, "since the curriculum is ordered to theology, one of the great benefits is the students really do grow in their knowledge and love of God. Related to that, they see in a profound way the harmony between faith and reason."

That vision is one of the challenges of our times, he said, because students exit college and enter a world where faith is under attack. But graduates are prepared because their "education is Christ-centered, but it's also skill-centered."

## Religious Vocations

Students are actively engaged in classes that are conducted as conversations and discussions. They acquire analytical and conversational skills — traits employers look for in employees.

The large number of religious vocations to come out of this college is another benefit of liberal arts education, McLean said, citing that 10% to 12% of the college's graduates enter religious life. About 59 graduates have become priests, and a large number have entered religious life.

Likewise, those who marry have family lives centered on Christ, and

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they bring their strong Catholic faith to their work — "that is the heart of the New Evangelization," he said, "and the way the Church is going to evangelize the world: sending deeply committed Catholics into the secular world to remake that world in the image of Christ."

## 'Diakonia of Truth'

William Fahey, president of Thomas More College of Liberal Arts in Merrimack, N.H., explained that the college is committed to the liberal arts for several equally important reasons.

"First," he said, "we view ourselves as faithfully responding to the Church's long-standing desire that universities defend the Western patrimony and especially respond to the responsibility to uphold the *diakonia* of truth — the ministry of truth in defense of God's majesty and human dignity."

He observed that the liberal arts, as traditionally taught at such institutions as Thomas More, "faithfully introduce students to the theological, philosophical and humanistic



THOMAS AQUINAS COLLEGE

tradition of the West."

Fahey contended that this great tradition has largely been abandoned at most mainstream American universities. Students are instead encouraged to "pursue utilitarian and specialized paths that, in reality, narrow a student's view of life's purpose and the path to happiness and holiness."

According to Fahey, with its focus on the liberal arts, Thomas More College stands opposite "those contemporary trends that make men and women spiritual and intellectual cripples who only know how to do one thing in life — focus on how to 'get ahead.' Getting ahead usually means a narrow range of pleasures, rarely wrong in themselves, but which can never be satisfied and, in the long run, distract the student from man's noble purpose and final end."

On the other hand, Fahey observed, "When the liberal arts tradition is integrated with a residential college that pays attention to the moral character and spiritual life of the student, you have a fully Catholic education."

At Thomas More, the liberal arts also encompass more than one would suspect. Fahey described how the college follows Aristotle's observation that a purely liberal arts education lacking an acquaintance with the fine or manual arts leads to a kind of madness, as the intellect, left alone, becomes disengaged from the rest of the person.

"That is why we require our students to learn arts such as wood-working or icon painting, in addition to having a rigorous academic curriculum, a college with five chaplains and daily access to the sacraments of the Church," he said. "The incarnation of Christ our Lord points to what we must seek in all aspects of life: the full integration of the intellect, the body and the spirit."

Joseph Pronechen is a Register staff writer.



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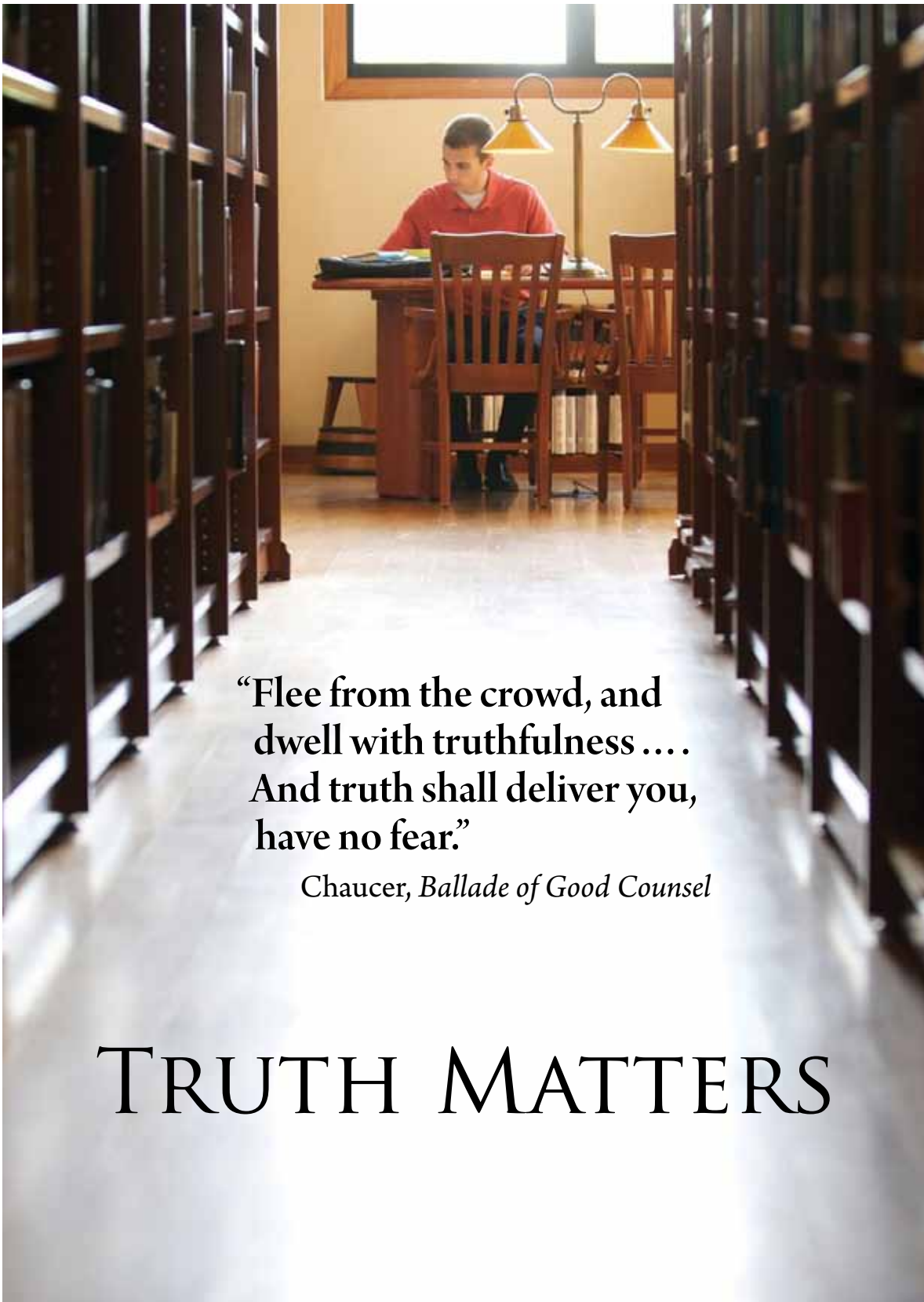
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# Committed to 'True Education'

Donnelly College's New President Shares Importance of Catholic Identity on Campus

BY AMY SMITH

Formerly the vice president for Catholic identity at Mount St. Mary's University, Msgr. Stuart Swetland is now president of Donnelly College in Kansas City, Kan. This year, Donnelly makes its debut in the Register's Catholic Identity College Guide. Msgr. Swetland spoke with the Register a few weeks after he took the helm of Donnelly on July 1.

*How did you discern your new role as college president?*

I had been at Mount St. Mary's for eight years and felt it was time to look for what else God was calling me to. I was nominated for the position here, and so I looked at Donnelly and liked what I learned. I think Donnelly is answering Pope Francis' challenge for the Church to serve those who might not otherwise be served. This is the type of approach Pope Francis is calling us to — to reach out to those on the margins so they can share in the intellectual tradition of the Church and discover how they are called to serve Christ. We like to say that if Donnelly didn't exist, we would have to build it.

*How has your background as a college chaplain and professor prepared you for your new job?*

Being a college president is like the role of a pastor. I am the spiritual father and chief academic officer. It takes into account my reputation in academic life and pastoral service in the spiritual life, with integration of faith and reason. Being a college president is a full-time endeavor, but I will still do my radio and TV work [as host of EWTN's *Catholicism on Campus*]. I am excited as I go to meetings and meet people who love what they do: I want to be part of it.

*The Donnelly mission statement is: "Donnelly College is a Catholic institution of higher education that seeks to continue the mission of Jesus Christ in our time by making the love of God tangible in our world. Specifically, the mission of Donnelly College is to provide education and community services with personal concern for the needs and abilities of each student, especially those who might not otherwise be served." How do you envision building upon it?*

I am excited about the mission statement. The whole role of Catholics and baptized Christians is to continue the mission of Jesus Christ — to reveal the merciful love of the Father — and we share that mission. Donnelly College makes it tangible to those seeking a higher education. Eighty-four percent of our students are first-generation college students; 71% are at the lowest socioeconomic levels, many of them minorities. Service is part of that. Our freshmen seminar focuses on service learning; they participate in a service project. From Day 1, they know that "to whom much is given, much is expected" (Luke 12:48), and they give



Msgr. Stuart Swetland Mount St. Mary's University

back. We make the merciful love of God present. I help my staff and students to make the love of God known.

*Last year, you wrote a feature for our College Guide about the importance of peer evangelization, catechesis for college staff and courses that weave together subject matter and faith. How do you hope to implement these ideas at Donnelly?*

Donnelly College serves an urban core population. Fifty-five percent of our students are Catholic. We give witness as we educate first-generation students and show the many ways of radiating Jesus to the world, while providing a Catholic education that is relatively inexpensive for those who might not otherwise go to college. We are where success gets its start — in education and the spiritual life — whether it is to finish a high-school degree or take remedial work and then begin in college for an associate's or bachelor's degree. We also have a program in Lansing prison with inmates, helping them in their rehabilitation.

We serve and see Christ in those underserved. We integrate Christ into our curriculum, providing a holistic education. Our core courses include fundamental theology, which looks at the fundamental questions of belief: who Christ is and what salvation is.

We have ongoing formation for everyone. Many of our students come from immigrant backgrounds, and we look at how we as a Church and college can support them. We have a campus minister, Father John Melnick — his job is like my former role as vice president of Catholic identity. Between the two of us, we are able to do campus ministry. We have daily Mass, regular confession times and Bible studies — all that you would expect for a Catholic college and all integrating faith and reason.

*How does your understanding of John Paul II's Ex Corde Ecclesiae aid your commitment to Catholic identity?*

Two aspects: commitment to the truth and serving the underserved. *Ex Corde* says we need Catholic universities that are wholly dedicated

to the truth. We want to radiate that: The role of a college or university is to be wholly consecrated to the truth. All professors who teach theology take the *mandatum* [stating they will teach according to the magisterium]. Donnelly does that well. *Ex Corde* also calls us not to exclude: We are proud to help make possible an education for those in the lower socioeconomic hierarchy and who have other barriers to an education.

*"Excellence in the pursuit of truth" is one of Donnelly's "Student Learning Goals." How do truth and learning go hand-in-hand?*

There is a struggle in the secular world to see that truth is knowable and, ultimately, a Person: Jesus Christ. We discover who we are in encountering the Lord. We are unapologetic that the truth is knowable and is a Person, Jesus the Christ. We truly educate: It's not indoctrination and not just training. True education is the formation of the person to recognize what is true and how to think well. We form men and women who can research, analyze texts, make arguments and express their thoughts in writing and speech — they are able to share the truth, whether as part of English, history, theology, etc.

*What advice do you have for college students about keeping their faith and pursuing God's will?*

There's the old slogan I used at St. John's Catholic Newman Center [at the University of Illinois, where he was chaplain] — it wears well — "Study hard, and pray harder" to discover who you are and what God is calling you to do. Pray so you know God's will. I think of my mom and dad. Because I knew them so well, I knew what they wanted, what their will was for me. In a similar way, when we draw close to the Lord, we discover his will: what will make him — and us — happiest. "In his will is our peace," as Dante put it. God created us with a purpose in mind. We are all called to holiness. What does Scripture say about Christ? "He grew in age, grace and wisdom" (Luke 2:52) — we all are; that includes our state of life and the particular vocation that God wants for us.

*What else would you like our readers to know about Donnelly?*

A lot of people don't know it exists — it is a well-kept secret. It is one of 11 diocesan colleges in the United States. It has a Benedictine flavor, due to its history, being founded by the Benedictine Sisters [of Atchison, Kan., and Bishop George Donnelly]. The Archdiocese of Kansas City is committed to the Church and the college. We're one of those Catholic schools that John Paul II, Benedict and, now, Francis have called us to be committed to.

Amy Smith is the Register's associate editor.



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SHMS.edu  
Enrollment: 436

- The Institution:**  
 PRESIDENT'S OATH  
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 MANDATUM REQUIRED  
 THEOLOGIANS' OATH

- Campus Culture:**  
 MASS AND CONFESSION  
 SPEAKERS VETTED  
 UNOBJECTIONABLE CLUBS  
 NO COED DORMS  
 HEALTH SERVICES OKAY

**School's Comments:**  
**Institution Mission Statement:** Sacred Heart Major Seminary primarily forms priests according to the heart of Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd; and further, prepares priests, deacons and lay ecclesial ministers, equipping them for the work of ministry in the New Evangelization.  
**Health:** There is no student health service on campus.

**St. Charles Borromeo Seminary Graduate School of Theology and Program of Catholic Studies**

100 E. Wynnewood Road  
Wynnewood, PA 19096  
(610) 785-6287  
StudyCatholicTheology.com  
Enrollment: 480

- The Institution:**  
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**School's Comments:**  
**Mandatum:** The Graduate School of Theology and Program of Catholic Studies' theology professors (undergraduate and graduate) take the "Oath of Fidelity" and make the "Profession of Faith" publicly before the archbishop and receive the *mandatum*.  
**Institution:** GST's mission focus is on implementing *Ex Corde Ecclesiae* and *Fides et Ratio* in the work of the New Evangelization.

**St. Gregory's University**

1900 W. MacArthur St.  
Shawnee, OK 74804-2499  
(888) BE-EXTRA  
StGregorys.edu  
Enrollment: 683

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- Campus Culture:**  
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 NO COED DORMS  
 HEALTH SERVICES OKAY

**School's Comments:**  
**Theologians' Oath:** The local bishop has conferred the *mandatum* through an interview with proposed faculty members, conducted either by the bishop personally or by his appointed vicar general.

**Saint Vincent College**

300 Fraser Purchase Road  
Latrobe, PA 15650  
(724) 532-6600  
StVincent.edu  
Enrollment: 1,800

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 THEOLOGIANS' OATH

- Campus Culture:**  
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 NO COED DORMS  
 HEALTH SERVICES OKAY

**School's Comments:**  
**President's Oath:** The president is prepared to take the "Oath of Fidelity" at any time; however, this was not requested by the local bishop, who did preside at the inauguration.  
**Theologians' Oath:** Our theology professors who teach in the seminary take the "Oath of Fidelity," but those theology professors who teach only in the college are not required to take the oath, as stipulated by canon law.  
**Dorms:** Students are segregated by floor or wing requiring card access, and we strictly enforce all visitation policies.

**Thomas Aquinas College**

10,000 N. Ojai Road  
Santa Paula, CA 93060  
(805) 525-4417  
ThomasAquinas.edu  
Enrollment: 370

- The Institution:**  
 PRESIDENT'S OATH  
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 CATHOLIC FACULTY  
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 THEOLOGIANS' OATH

- Campus Culture:**  
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 HEALTH SERVICES OKAY

**The Thomas More College of Liberal Arts**

6 Manchester St.  
Merrimack, NH 03054  
(603) 880-8308  
ThomasMoreCollege.edu  
Enrollment: 92 on New Hampshire campus; plus 20 in Rome

- The Institution:**  
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 CATHOLIC BOARD  
 CATHOLIC FACULTY  
 MANDATUM REQUIRED

- THEOLOGIANS' OATH
- Campus Culture:**  
 MASS AND CONFESSION  
 SPEAKERS VETTED  
 UNOBJECTIONABLE CLUBS  
 NO COED DORMS  
 HEALTH SERVICES OKAY

**University of Dallas**

1845 E. Northgate Drive  
Irving, TX 75062  
(972) 721-5000  
UDallas.edu  
Enrollment: 2,598

- The Institution:**  
 PRESIDENT'S OATH  
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 CATHOLIC FACULTY  
 MANDATUM REQUIRED  
 THEOLOGIANS' OATH

- Campus Culture:**  
 MASS AND CONFESSION  
 SPEAKERS VETTED  
 UNOBJECTIONABLE CLUBS  
 NO COED DORMS  
 HEALTH SERVICES OKAY

**School's Comments:**  
**Faculty:** Those members of our faculty who are not Catholic understand and are committed to the university's Catholic identity.  
**Dorms:** Our one coed residence hall is segregated by wing and floor. Members of the opposite sex do not have keycard access to each other's wings.

**University of Mary**

7500 University Drive  
Bismarck, ND 58504  
(800) 288-6279  
CometoMary.edu  
Enrollment: 2,918

- The Institution:**  
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 CATHOLIC FACULTY  
 MANDATUM REQUIRED  
 THEOLOGIANS' OATH

- Campus Culture:**  
 MASS AND CONFESSION  
 SPEAKERS VETTED  
 UNOBJECTIONABLE CLUBS  
 NO COED DORMS  
 HEALTH SERVICES OKAY

**School's Comments:**  
**Faculty:** In accordance with North Dakota state law, U Mary does not maintain a record of the religious affiliation of employees.  
**Theologians' Oath:** Theology profes-



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sors take the "Oath of Fidelity" at the time of their hiring.

**University of St. Thomas**

3800 Montrose Blvd.  
Houston, TX 77006  
(713) 525-3500  
Choose-UST.org/catholic  
Enrollment: 3,589

- The Institution:**  
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 MANDATUM REQUIRED  
 THEOLOGIANS' OATH

- Campus Culture:**  
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 NO COED DORMS  
 HEALTH SERVICES OKAY

**School's Comments:**  
**Dorms:** The university maintains living areas for undergraduate students. These include dormitory/residence rooms, co-ops and apartments. There is only one dorm, but men and women are separated by floors and by wings.

**Walsh University**

2020 E. Maple St. NW  
North Canton, OH 44720  
(800) 362-9846  
Walsh.edu  
Enrollment: 2,964

- The Institution:**  
 PRESIDENT'S OATH  
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 MANDATUM REQUIRED  
 THEOLOGIANS' OATH

- Campus Culture:**  
 MASS AND CONFESSION  
 SPEAKERS VETTED  
 UNOBJECTIONABLE CLUBS

- NO COED DORMS  
 HEALTH SERVICES OKAY

**School's Comments:**  
**Institution:** The university has an Our Lady of Perpetual Help Society dedicated to the preservation of Walsh's Catholic heritage.  
**Dorms:** All dorms have single-sex wings and/or floors. Some residence halls have four-person apartments that are single-sex.

**Wyoming Catholic College**

P.O. Box 750  
Lander, WY 82520  
(307) 332-2930  
WyomingCatholicCollege.com  
Enrollment: 126

- The Institution:**  
 PRESIDENT'S OATH  
 CATHOLIC BOARD  
 CATHOLIC FACULTY  
 MANDATUM REQUIRED  
 THEOLOGIANS' OATH

- Campus Culture:**  
 MASS AND CONFESSION  
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 NO COED DORMS  
 HEALTH SERVICES OKAY

**School's Comments:**  
**Institution:** Wyoming Catholic College's mission is to educate and form virtuous leaders who view the challenges of our time as opportunities to be joyful witnesses to God's truth, uniting Tradition and evangelization.  
**Health Services:** We do not offer student health services. The employee health plan that we offer to our faculty and staff is in keeping with the Catholic Church's teachings and therefore does not include abortion, contraception or any other illicit procedures.

— Staff writer Joseph Pronechen coordinated the compilation of this guide.



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# Mild, Mild West Adventure

Wyoming Catholic Philosophy Professor Finds That Rustic Tranquility Facilitates Christian Life

BY TRENT BEATTIE

Life on many college campuses today is anything but tranquil. Wyoming Catholic College (WCC) has the answer to the problem, according to Peter Kwasniewski, professor of philosophy and theology and one of the school's founding faculty members. The college, founded in 2005, offers a quiet, rural location, small class sizes and an unusually disciplined technology policy. (For example, students are not allowed to use cellphones on campus.)

Kwasniewski spoke of the state of Catholic higher education, sacred music and getting a bilingual edition of the complete works of St. Thomas Aquinas in print.

*With all of your academic experience, what do you think are the top challenges for Catholic institutions of higher learning today?*

There are many challenges, but I will name two. The first is curricular integrity and depth. It is very tempting for institutions to follow the conventions and assumptions of our day — for example, by conceiving of higher education as glorified job training, rather than seeing it as a profound formation of the mind and heart, as the Catholic Tradition views it.

Catholic schools have an irreplaceable vocation to bring an intellectual and spiritual patrimony of two millennia into the lives of their students, and this is not something that will happen by chance or luck. It needs to be carefully built into the mission, the curriculum, the campus life, the chaplaincy and then pursued with great clarity and zeal.

The second challenge is related to the first: convincing parents, and even clergy, that there is nothing more important for young men and women than attending a college or university that will actually strengthen their faith, feed their minds with natural and supernatural truths and help them lead a moral life in conformity with the Gospel.

Questions of prestige and getting a good job are radically secondary to the one thing needful, which is following Jesus Christ with all of our powers of body and soul. He promised us that when we put his kingdom first, he will provide for all of our other



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needs, at the right time and in his own way.

The college years are a unique and crucial time of personal growth, and no amount of schooling prior to college — even the best home schooling or private preparatory school — can replace the need for an authentically Catholic college education for anyone who plans to continue on to that level. It is a special time when many young men and women will either mature into self-aware and self-motivated disciples of Christ or fall away into confusion, turpitude and apostasy.

*Wyoming Catholic College is a very small school. What are the pluses and minuses of such a small institution?*

To be honest, I mainly see huge pluses for student life. ... At WCC, as at TAC [Thomas Aquinas College, which he attended], you have many fellow students who are serious in their faith and intellectual commitment, and you develop deep friendships that will last a lifetime.

You also have teachers who genuinely care about you and (for instance) invite you over to their homes for meals, music or readings, with fascinating conversations about all sorts of things. It can sound trite to say that the students here are like a family, but when you experience it firsthand, you

can see that it's quite true: It is a family, a band of brothers working side-by-side, studying, praying, hiking, learning to be fully and joyfully alive. This is the kind of life that I wish every young Catholic could live.

Speaking as a teacher, I enjoy being in an integrated liberal arts program where I have the opportunity to teach across the curriculum, deepening my understanding of all areas of theology, philosophy, music and beyond. The faculty here are continually in conversation about great books, great works of art and how to lead the students into the knowledge and love of the truth. My teaching stimulates my writing, and my serving as the school's choirmaster stimulates my activities as a composer.

*As the pace of society continues to speed up, do you find the slower pace in Wyoming to be a great blessing?*

It is indeed. There's a saying that has a lot of truth to it: "Wyoming is what America was." Quite apart from its tremendous natural beauty, our local community has more genuine human and personal character to it than any other I've been a part of.

Our college didn't end up in Lander, Wyo., by accident; it was a very deliberate decision of the founders. Being here in the

great, open West, in a small town with a slow pace, makes an ideal environment for living out an integrally Catholic life and for developing the moral and intellectual virtues that perfect a man or woman from within.

And I believe we are making a good use of that "great blessing" you mentioned. Over meals or in their spare time, people hold real conversations about worthwhile things instead of texting or chattering on their phones about ephemera. They do adventurous things in the great outdoors, "God's First Book." When taking a break, the students recite poetry, play sports or sing songs.

WCC is a genuine community of people who love each other, are animated by a noble purpose and still know how to have fun. It sounds strange to say it, but there are fewer and fewer places in the modern world where any of this happens.

*You released a book earlier this year called Sacred Choral Works. Can you say a little about this book and who would benefit most from it?*

Although my main work has been that of a professor of philosophy and theology, I've also been heavily involved over the past 25 years with music — cantoring, directing choirs and composing, especially for church choirs. I decided last year to collect the best of my compositions, with the aim of making them more widely available. Corpus Christi Watershed was excited about the project and helped me bring it to completion. The book, containing 85 pieces, was published earlier this year. I've been delighted by the reception: Some of my Masses, motets and hymns have already been included in the repertoire of choirs around the country, and even abroad.

The style of the music is inspired by Gregorian chant and classic polyphony, which constitute the core repertoire and best models of sacred music (see *Sacrosanctum Concilium* [SC], 116); the texts, in Latin and in English, are Catholic through and through, drawing upon Scripture, liturgy and Tradition; and the pieces vary in difficulty, so that there is something for every size and skill level of choir (SC, 121). Vatican II clearly said that "choirs must be diligently promoted" (SC, 114) and that "composers, filled with the Christian spirit, should feel that their vocation is to cultivate sacred music and increase

its store of treasures" (SC, 121). This is what I have tried to do, in order to contribute to the renewal of the liturgy in our times, in accordance with the luminous teaching of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI.

*You've stated that Christ is formed in the soul through sacred music. What exactly do you mean by that?*

The style of our Church music and the texts used by it will shape our souls, our worship and our faith. Who God is for us, what his message is to us and how we will respond to it are all conveyed by that music. If it is holy, artistically sound and universal, it will be a theology of the holiness and beauty of Jesus Christ, the Savior of all mankind.

*You are part of a budding enterprise called The Aquinas Institute for the Study of Sacred Doctrine, which is publishing the complete works of St. Thomas Aquinas. Why are you enthusiastic about this project?*

The Aquinas Institute, based here in Lander, is working on a project that has never been done before: a complete bilingual edition of the works of St. Thomas Aquinas. For 700 years, the Church has lauded St. Thomas as the best guide in the study of philosophy and theology — and these accolades continue in the documents of Vatican II and the magisteriums of John Paul II and Benedict XVI. And yet, bizarrely, only a few of his works have been readily and affordably available in Latin or in English, let alone in bilingual editions.

Our goal over the next years is to bring out a total of 57 volumes, all in hardcover, that give the reader access to all the original texts as well as good translations. Naturally, this will involve translating a number of things that have never appeared in English before, and I am happy to say that we have the enthusiastic cooperation of scholars from around the country who are working simultaneously on those various translations. ... In many ways, this work is an extension of our work as professors at Wyoming Catholic College, where the principles underlying our entire curriculum are drawn from St. Thomas and where the disciplines of philosophy and theology in particular are deeply shaped by his insights and often feature his writings.

Trent Beattie writes from Seattle.

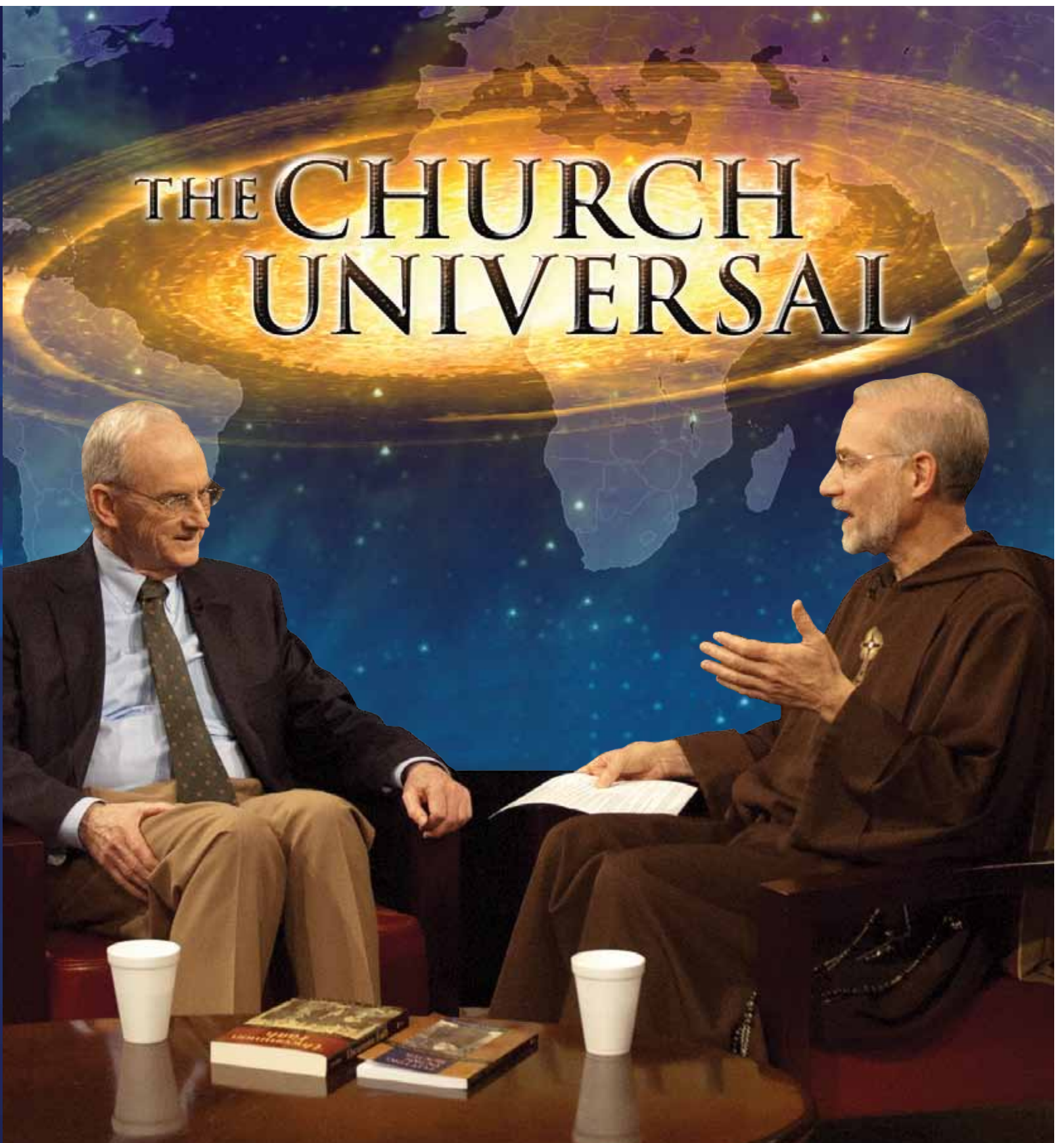
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