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Annual College Identity Guide Questionnaire

School Name: _____ Contact: _____
Address: _____ Title: _____
City/State/Zip: _____ Email: _____
Web site: _____ Phone: _____
Enrollment: _____

The Institution

YES NO N/A

- Did the president make a public profession of faith and take an oath of fidelity?
- Is the majority of the board of trustees Catholic?
- Is the majority of the faculty Catholic?
- Do you publicly require all Catholic theology professors to have a mandatum?
- Did all Catholic theology professors take the Oath of Fidelity?

Campus Culture

YES NO N/A

- Do you provide daily Mass and posted times (at least weekly) for individual confession?
- Do you exclude advocates of abortion, euthanasia, or cloning as commencement speakers and/or recipients of honorary degrees?
- Do you exclude sponsoring pro-abortion campus groups?
- Do you prohibit coed dorms?
- Do your student health services prohibit referrals to abortion clinics?

Additional Comments:

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Questionnaire Sources

A “YES” answer reflects essential elements of the renewal of Catholic identity called for by Pope John Paul II’s 1990 apostolic constitution on higher education, *Ex Corde Ecclesiae* (From the Heart of the Church), its 2000 *Application to the United States*, canon law, and other Church documents.

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

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.

Theologian's 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.

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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.