Catholic Colleges Produce Abundant Vocations

BY JIM GRAVES

The National Catholic Register’s Catholic Identity Guide, which highlights Catholic colleges and universities in the United States, is designed to help students find a college that aligns with their values. This year, the guide features 113 Catholic colleges that offer strong moral and academic rigor, 14 of which are located in the States of Wyoming, Colorado, and Utah. The guide provides information on the colleges’ locations, sizes, and mission statements, as well as their academic programs and extracurricular activities.

The guide includes a questionnaire sent to Catholic colleges asking about their commitment to Catholic identity. The questions are designed to help students understand the role of the college in promoting Catholic values. The questions cover areas such as the faculty’s commitment to Catholic teaching, the college’s student body, and its support for Catholic organizations.

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 prohibit all Catholic theology professors to have the mandate? 
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, cloning or reproductive rights? If allowed, please explain. 
8. Do you exclude sponsored campus groups and clubs that are not in line with Catholic teaching? 
9. Do you prohibit coed dorms? 
10. Do your student health services prohibit referrals to abortion businesses?

Graduates Serve God as Religious And Priests

ENCOURAGING VOCATIONS. Thomas Aquinas College’s analyze program, with Father Cornelius Buckley, expounds on vocation opportunities.

The National Catholic Register is a resource for Catholic higher education, providing information on Catholic colleges and universities in the United States. The register offers insights into the role of Catholic higher education in promoting Catholic values and providing a strong moral and academic foundation for students.

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Questionnaire Sources

There are the 35 schools that each answered 10 questions about their college’s institutional standards and Catholic identity. A school bolded indicates a positive answer to our Catholic identity question. Schools’ comments expanding on a “yes” answer and additional questions are included, as well as additional comments. View online at NCRegis ter.com/ *Resources.*

Aquinas College

42120 Platte River
Tipton, IN 46069
(765) 255-6900 Fax: (765) 255-6916
AquinasCollege.edu
Enrollment: 384 (fall 2021)

Campus Culture:

SPEAKERS VETTED

Campus Ministry:

Mandatum

Theological Board:

Mandatum

School’s Comments:

Aquinas College is the heart of Nashville and the only four-year Catholic liberal arts college in mid and west Tennessee. The new master’s degrees programs in Teacher Education and Nursing were developed based on strict Catholic and Gospel values. Each program provides students with the preparation, apostolic adaption, chaired and dedicated to Catholic education. John Paul II is, at the first of its kind in the Diocese of Nashville. The natural outgrowth of the core of faith and culture.

Residential Life:

Spiritual Life:

Religious Life:

SPEAKERS VETTED

THEOLOGIANS’ OATH

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Campus Culture:

Mass and Confession:

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.

THEOLOGIANS’ OATH

SPEAKERS VETTED

Mass and Confession:

Theologians’ Oath:

It is necessary that Catholic theologians have a professional 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.

Mandatum:

**U D** is an education for formation, not simply technical training.

Campus Culture:

The Institution:

President’s Oath:

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The “professions of faith” and the “Oaths of fidelity” Acta Apostolicae Sedis, 1989: The obligation of a special oath of fidelity has been established to preserve Catholic universities.

Campus Board:

The board of trustees, the majority of whose members are Catholic, has 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 authentic interpreter of sacred Scripture and sacred Tradition.

Campus Culture:

Speakers Vetted:

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Campus Culture:

Speakers Vetted:

U.S. Application:

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Campus Culture:

Speakers Vetted:

THEOLOGIANS’ OATH

Most of the families’ students are taught to think critically, studying literature, history, theology, philosophy and the natural sciences to form the core of education, faith and human flourishing.

Campus Culture:

Speakers Vetted:

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Divine Mercy University: New Name, New Expansion

BY JEFFREY PRONECHEN

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ince the pioneering Institute for the Psychological Sciences in Arlington, Va., was founded in 1999, the need for mental-health professionals has grown tremendously. To answer the call and expand the mission with graduates around the world, the institute has made another groundbreaking move: It has expanded into Divine Mercy University.

As Divine Mercy University, it now houses two schools—the Institute for the Psychological Sciences (IPS) and the newly launched School of Counseling, with an online master’s degree in counseling.

Father Charles Siliski, a Laytronist of Christ priory and the longtime president of IPS, who continues as president of Divine Mercy University, spoke with the Register about this latest expansion and the new university’s mission plan.

In this expansion, how will you continue to help prepare students? Our students are broadly trained in their education, meaning they are capable of working with those suffering from a variety of problems, and that includes some of the most common things, like depression, anxiety and PTSD [Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder]. There are 800,000 vets of Iraq and Afghanistan who have sought mental-health help, showing that there is a great need out there for more mental-health professionals.

We have hopes to increase in all kinds of things. There’s a huge need for counseling for substance abuse and marital and family counseling. We need to help strengthen families and save marriages. Look at a lot of the comments on Pope Francis’ document Amoris Laetitia. While our outreach to the divorced and remarried is certainly very important, there’s much larger things. How do we care couples going through divorce to become active parents? We need family therapists—and counselors for addiction—this is a huge problem today, in many ways.

This expansion and name change come at the right time in the Year of Mercy. What makes the school unique— the Divine Mercy difference? We are not using a Christian vision of the patron, the family and personally committed for all of our courses. Within the Church, since Vatican II, there has been the great call for a deeper Catholic anthropology, thanks to the influence and work of John Paul II. In the Church, we have done 2,500 years of reflection. The Church understands human nature better than anyone, and that’s incredibly important. Our students have that foundation. Today, we live in a relativistic society where people say that you can define human nature any way you want. So we know that the battle is big, but more important than ever.

Divine Mercy University plays a role because we want to put faith and mission into action in a work of mercy when we see the tremendous suffering that’s in the world today, when people feel alone and isolated.

Accountancy is one of these professions. The students’ religious beliefs are not looked down upon, but actually celebrated.

For the Church, little by little, we want to form men and make a battalion, an army, of well-formed Catholic, mental-health professionals who can serve the Church in many ways. Many Americans are looking for mental-health professionals they can trust, and we feel we’ve been called to help that end.

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**THEOLOGIANS’ OATH**

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the highest moral standards.

Newman College Ireland
Drumcondr Castle
Ballyliffin, County Donegal
Tel: +353 74 979 6658
newmancolleges.ie
Enrollment: 1,200

School’s Comments:
Institution: Newman College Ireland
looks forward to a permanent campus location in 2016.

The Institution:
Enrollment: 20-25

School’s Comments:
Institution: Newman College Ireland
books forward to a permanent campus location in 2016.

The Institution:
Enrollment: 110

School’s Comments:
Institution: Newman College Ireland
endorses the highest moral standards.

The Institution:
Enrollment: 465

School’s Comments:
Institution: Newman College Ireland
endorses the highest moral standards.

The Institution:
Enrollment: 95

School’s Comments:
Institution: Northeast Catholic College
endorses the highest moral standards.

The Institution:
Enrollment: 664

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The Institution:
Enrollment: 20-25
Theology professors and summer-resident programs for Master of Arts in theology, plus
The school offers a

Enrollment: 300

StVincent.edu
(724) 532-6600
300 Fraser Purchase Road
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University of Mary

Enrollment: 2,918

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Bismarck, ND 58504
University of Mary

Enrollment: 160

(307) 332-2930
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