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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, cloning or advocates of the redefinition of marriage as commencement speakers and/or recipients of honorary degrees?
8. Do you exclude sponsoring campus groups and clubs that are not in line with Catholic teaching (examples: abortion- and LGBT-related clubs)? If allowed, please explain.
9. Do you prohibit coed dorms?
10. Do your student health services prohibit referrals to abortion businesses?



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B4 THE COLLEGIUM	B7 THOMAS MORE COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS
B4 DESALES UNIVERSITY	B7 UNIVERSIDAD CATÓLICA DE ÁVILA
B4 DIVINE MERCY UNIVERSITY	B7 UNIVERSITY OF DALLAS
B4 DONNELLY COLLEGE	B7 UNIVERSITY OF MARY
B5 FRANCISCAN MISSIONARIES OF OUR LADY UNIVERSITY	B7 UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS
B5 FRANCISCAN UNIVERSITY OF STEUBENVILLE	B8 WALSH UNIVERSITY
B5 HOLY APOSTLES COLLEGE & SEMINARY	B8 WYOMING CATHOLIC COLLEGE
B5 HOLY SPIRIT COLLEGE	
B5 INTERNATIONAL THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE	
B5 JOHN PAUL THE GREAT CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY	

Choose a College With a Discerning Mind and Heart

BY KATHRYN WALLICE

For many students, the choice of where to pursue their undergraduate studies is one of great trepidation. Along with the often-present financial and personal constraints, the addition of further spiritual considerations can make the decision process simply overwhelming. Yet in our Catholic history, we have many examples of men and women who have made (seemingly) quite radical decisions about how to best give over their lives to the service of God. Surely there is some way to use the example of those who discern the lifelong practice of evangelical counsels to help us wisely discern where to spend our four years of undergraduate studies. Cistercian Father Thomas Esposito, assistant professor of theology at the University of Dallas (UD) and subprior (and former vocations director) of the Cistercian Abbey of Our Lady of Dallas, drew from his experience as both a student and now monastic religious to help those discerning understand the parallels between religious and college discernment. This interview has been edited and formatted for print.



**CAMPUS DECISION.** Cistercian Father Thomas Esposito says of discerning one's college choice, 'There has to be something that tugs at you and makes you want to investigate it further. And then the personal encounter comes in the form of a visit or a chat with a student or alumnus who communicates with the same enthusiasm or energy about the place. And then that love of a place can be a seed which germinates in your own heart through prayer.' Courtesy of the University of Dallas

How would you describe the purpose of a college education? I'll start with the etymological roots. "Educe" would be to lead out — any education is meant to lead you out of a state of ignorance into a state of knowledge. And there are obviously different forms of knowledge. I think most people today would regard a col-

lege education as a job certification or practical equipment, or part of pursuing a career. But I don't think that's a true understanding of college. The knowledge of one's own gifts and limitations should entail a greater ability to be a lifelong learner, to develop the virtues you need to live a

joyful and fruitful life in the search of truth. How does the college decision potentially influence one's ability to discover his or her vocation? It could be either an amazing help or do amazing harm, but what you are getting at is the question of formation. The 18- to 22-year-old range is a very impressionable age. The influences which govern or inspire young men and women of that age can have life-long consequences. You shouldn't think of that in a drastic, fearmongering way, but it's a sobering fact that the ideas that you come across in college can and will influence you throughout your life, perhaps more strongly in the short term, but they do become roots that plunge deep into the ground of your soul. You obviously found your vocation, so I think we can safely say you chose rightly by attending the University of Dallas. How did you decide to attend UD for your undergraduate studies? From my own experience, I can say that no syllogism or deductive logic could lead you to the mathematical certainty that you should go here or there. I wanted to go to Notre Dame, and Notre Dame wait-listed me. So I had to figure out something

else. God often opens doors by shutting the one we want to walk through! I believe my mom introduced me to UD: She had heard that it was a solid Catholic school with a Rome program. I was just developing a fascination with the intellectual life, so the core curriculum didn't initially appeal to me because I still had that "jock streak" in me, but it was eventually the Rome program — the allure of living on a vineyard for five months and traveling Europe and hanging out with the Pope — that sold me. I remember making a list of pros and cons for UD and Villanova. On several occasions I nudged the Villanova numbers up and the UD ones down. And I took it to prayer on several occasions. No thunderbolt from heaven illuminated the dark sky, but I had a strange sense that I was supposed to be at UD. And I begrudgingly gave in, but from Day One I met friends who are still my buddies, and the first seeds of a fascination with theology and philosophy that were planted in high school exploded. For a time, you were also the vocations director for the Cistercian Abbey. Do you think there are any parallels that can be drawn between someone who is trying to discern the religious life and discerning which college to attend?

Absolutely. When a young man inquires about life in our monastery and wants to know how to discern, I'll often begin by saying that God allows us to be drawn towards particular examples or instances of community life that are tailor-made for us. Regarding marriage, a young man does not marry the form of woman; there is someone concrete who comes into his life and sweeps him off his feet. Something similar happens in the religious life. You have to be drawn to a particular community's charism in order to sense that you want to be part of that. You don't want to join a community whose interactions with each other are clearly toxic or whose ministry does not correspond to your talents and desires. You are going to be drawn to a community which will appeal to your most noble desires and talents and employ them for the greater glory of God. A similar process is at work in the discernment of the college choice. There are many things that colleges can be known for — whether it's a law program, outstanding campus ministry or a Rome program — but there has to be something that tugs at you and makes you want to investigate it further. And then the personal

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Here are the 39 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" or N/A answer are included, as well as more comments (denoted by \*). View online at [NCRegister.com](http://NCRegister.com) / "Resources."

Aquinas College

4210 Harding Pike  
Nashville, TN 37228  
(615) 297-7545  
[AquinasCollege.edu](http://AquinasCollege.edu)  
Enrollment: 65

- The Institution:**  
✓ PRESIDENT'S OATH  
✓ CATHOLIC BOARD  
✓ CATHOLIC FACULTY  
✓ MANDATUM REQUIRED  
✓ 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:**  
**Institution:** The Aquinas College vision is to be a leader in the formation of educators who are sent forth to teach, preach and witness to truth and charity for the salvation of souls and the transformation of culture. Our academic programs and service to the broader community focus on education: preparing students to be teachers and leaders in schools and communities and providing ongoing formation opportunities for teachers, leaders and catechists already engaged in these important works. We see our work of education as encompassing the human, spiritual, intellectual and professional formation of the whole person. This total formation in the context of a community is united in Christ and the Church and includes mutual seeking of truth and growth in charity. We strive together for the integration of faith, culture and life that is the hallmark of Catholic education. Religious and lay students are welcome. Aquinas College offers opportunities for Mass and confession regularly.

Augustine Institute Graduate School of Theology

6160 S. Syracuse Way  
Greenwood Village, CO 80111  
(303) 937-4420  
[AugustineInstitute.org](http://AugustineInstitute.org)  
Enrollment: Approximately 500

- The Institution:**  
✓ PRESIDENT'S OATH  
✓ CATHOLIC BOARD  
✓ CATHOLIC FACULTY  
✓ MANDATUM REQUIRED  
✓ 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:**  
**Institution:** The Augustine Institute was founded in 2005 in response to Pope St. John Paul II's call for a New Evangelization. Today the graduate school offers master's degrees in theology and leadership that are practical, contemplative and accessible. At the heart of the program is a group of dedicated Catholic educators committed to the harmony of scholarly reflection and apostolic activity. The Augustine Institute is a fully accredited member of the Association of Theological Schools (ATS.edu). Every regular faculty member has a *mandatum* to teach in the Archdiocese of Denver and makes the "Profession of Faith" and "Oath of Fidelity" to the magisterium of the Church. **Campus Culture:** Whether on-campus or online, students receive a rich intellectual, spiritual and evangelical formation. On-campus students enjoy

a common life of prayer, including daily Mass, confession, individual spiritual direction and spiritual conferences. On-campus students also receive personalized internship opportunities with Denver-area apostolates and weekly theological seminars. Students in the state-of-the-art distance-education program receive a personalized experience, including one-on-one interaction with faculty and the flexibility of on-demand study.

Ave Maria University

5050 Ave Maria Blvd.  
Ave Maria, FL 34142  
(239) 280-2556  
[AveMaria.edu](http://AveMaria.edu)  
Enrollment: 1,100

- 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  
N/A HEALTH SERVICES OKAY

**School's Comments:**  
**Institution:** Ave Maria University is an authentically Catholic university situated in the growing area of beautiful Southwest Florida. With 30 majors and an average class size of 20, students are able to build relationships with our elite faculty as they benefit from a classical liberal arts curriculum buoyed by the sacraments. As the name indicates — Ave Maria — we are focused on helping students discern their vocational call, whatever that call may be. We accomplish this by offering access to grace, empowering students to inquire and discover their unique vocation, respond to the will of God in their lives with their own profound *fiat*, and then live a life of joyful collaboration with Jesus Christ and his Holy Catholic Church. **Health Services:** Ave Maria University does not offer on-campus health services. Students are able to use the clinic in town.

Avila Institute for Spiritual Formation

P.O. Box 803 (corporate address; no physical campus)  
Helena, AL 35080  
(833) 772-8452  
[Avila-Institute.org](http://Avila-Institute.org)  
Enrollment: 288

- The Institution:**  
✓ PRESIDENT'S OATH  
✓ CATHOLIC BOARD  
✓ CATHOLIC FACULTY  
N/A MANDATUM REQUIRED (IN-PROGRESS)  
✓ 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:**  
**Institution:** The Avila Institute for Spiritual Formation is a live, online, interactive program that draws Christians worldwide into deeper union with Christ through mystagogically oriented spiritual education and formation focused on the faithful, mystical and ascetical patrimony of the Catholic Church. Our programs are geared toward all adults, with students ranging in age from 18 to

# 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.



AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

84. The Avila Institute for Spiritual Formation offers a graduate-level program for those looking to develop the skills needed to weave their faith into their occupations or to be a spiritual director or mentor. Also, the School of Spiritual Formation allows people to deepen their own spirituality and incorporate their beliefs and Catholic Tradition into their personal lives, helping to clear their path to heaven. **Campus Culture:** Avila Institute has no physical campus. It is an online institute.

Belmont Abbey College

100 Belmont-Mount Holly Road  
Belmont, NC 28012  
(704) 461-6700  
[BelmontAbbeyCollege.edu](http://BelmontAbbeyCollege.edu)  
Enrollment: 1,527

- 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 upper-classmen 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: 1,980

- 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:** Benedictine College is a mission-driven school launching a new generation of Catholic leaders. Since 2012, Benedictine College has built five new academic buildings, including a 100,000-square-foot science and engineering building, five new residence halls, four new chapels, a student recreation center and an observatory, as well as renovated every sports facility and added architecture, graphic design, banking, Great Books, STEM Fellows and honors programs.

Campion College Australia

8-14 Austin Woodbury Place  
Toongabbie NSW Australia 2146  
+61 2 9896 9603  
[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 Bachelor of Arts in the liberal arts. 90% of our teaching staff have a Ph.D. in their field, and our small class sizes provide the ideal environment for students of all abilities to thrive. Through the study of history, literature, philosophy and theology, Campion students are taught to think critically, argue rationally and develop the creative, analytical and research skills that are important in any career. While many people view a university education as mere job training, Campion

focuses on the formation of the entire person: spiritual, intellectual, social and vocational. We have a lively, close-knit and faith-filled college community, with numerous social, sporting and chaplaincy societies/activities to aid personal development and faith enrichment. Campion is grounded in the Catholic faith and exercises faithfulness to the teachings of the Church, helping students to live out their faith in all areas of life. On-campus accommodation is segregated, male and female, across all dorms and residences. Individuals are not permitted to enter rooms of the opposite sex, and access to living spaces is limited. Each residential area is assigned a residential tutor, a senior student of the college who plans social activities and assists students with settling into college life. All residential tutors are under the direct supervision of the senior residential tutor, who is a member of staff.

Catholic Distance University

300 South George St.  
Charles Town, WV 25414  
(304) 724-5000  
[CDU.edu](http://CDU.edu)  
Enrollment: 220

- 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:**  
**Institution:** A pioneer in distance learning, CDU was founded in 1983 as the first catechetical institute in the United States to award the "Catechetical Diploma" and teach the Catholic faith to adults using distance education. CDU offered its first degree program in 1996. Today CDU is a fully online, accredited university offering an A.A. degree in Liberal Arts with a concentration in Catholic studies, a B.A. in theology degree completion program, and M.A. degrees in theology and theology and educational ministry. Its Graduate School of Theology is accredited by the Association of Theological Schools. The university also offers a "Catechetical Diploma" program, several graduate certificates, an undergraduate certificate and continuing-education certificates and courses. Archbishop Timothy Broglio serves as chancellor of the university, and Marianne Evans Mount, Ph.D., serves as president. For more information, visit [CDU.edu](http://CDU.edu). **Mandatum & Theologians' Oath:** Local faculty are administered the *mandatum* in the Diocese of Arlington, Virginia. Those residing elsewhere take the *mandatum* in their home dioceses. **Campus Culture:** Catholic Distance University is the only fully online university recommended by the Cardinal Newman Society, which promotes and defends faithful Catholic education.

## Franciscan University of Steubenville

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Professional PROGRAMS

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**Nursing Department:** Nursing Major; Master of Science in Nursing

**Education Department:** Education Major; Master of Science in Education; Master of Science in Educational Administration

**Department of Counseling & Social Work:** Social Work Major; Master of Arts in Clinical Mental Health Counseling

**Interdisciplinary Programs:** Master of Catholic Leadership; Criminal Justice Major

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**The Catholic University of America**

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Washington, DC 20064  
(202) 319-5000  
[catholic.edu](http://catholic.edu)  
Enrollment: 5,771

- 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/*nilhil obstat* binding the ecclesiastical faculties.  
**Dorms:** Beginning fall 2014, all undergraduate students reside in single-sex residence halls. In addition, two halls have religious in residence — one female residence hall with one sister living with female students and one priest living in one of the male halls.

**Chavagnes Studium**

96 rue du Calvaire,  
85250 Chavagnes en Pailiers, France

+33 2 51 42 39 82  
[Chavagnes.org/studium/](http://Chavagnes.org/studium/)  
Enrollment: 12

- 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:** We are a new institution, founded in 2015 as a section of an existing boys' school. Our intensive two-year program confers a fully accredited European B.A. degree in the liberal arts with French and includes study visits throughout Europe. Our Vatican-awarded two-year M.A. in arts and letters is a low-residency program for researchers, writers and teachers.  
**Coed Dorms:** Separate halls of residence are provided for male and female students.

**Christendom College**

134 Christendom Drive  
Front Royal, VA 22630-6534  
(800) 877-5456  
[Christendom.edu](http://Christendom.edu)  
Enrollment: 493

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



AQUINAS COLLEGE

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

**School's Comments:**  
**Institution:** Christendom College is a Catholic liberal arts college offering a time-tested and rigorous education that develops the student's intellect in such a powerful way that he graduates with the ability to master any subject — no matter how complex the vocational calling. Our curriculum and committed faculty are complemented by a culture of unmatched personal attention, helping each student discern and develop his academic and vocational goals. Our students thrive in a supportive and Christ-centered culture dedicated to helping them realize their potential and become the great men and women God has called them to be. Christendom is not merely a curriculum of courses — it is an organic way of life and culture that helps the whole person mature in wisdom, virtue and ability. Students graduate inspired and empowered to achieve true greatness and become tomorrow's leaders.

**The Collegium**

36 S. Potomac St., Suite 203  
Hagerstown, MD 21740  
(412) 913-2985  
[The-collegium.org](http://The-collegium.org)  
Enrollment: 30 in the first year (2021)

- 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:** Everyone who works for The Collegium must be a practicing Catholic and must sign the "Oath Against Modernism," which is a form of the "Oath of Fidelity." Even though we are committed to the unchanging truths of the Catholic Church, we are not legally affiliated with the Catholic Church. Thus our professors do not have a *mandatum*. We are the only four-year college specifically dedicated to serving traditional Catholics.

**DeSales University**

2755 Station Ave.  
Center Valley, PA 18034  
(877) 4-DESALES  
[DeSales.edu](http://DeSales.edu)  
Enrollment: 1,736

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

**Divine Mercy University**

45154 Underwood Lane  
Sterling, VA 20166  
(703) 416-1441  
[DivineMercy.edu](http://DivineMercy.edu)  
Enrollment: 532 (409 degree-seeking and 123 spiritual direction certificate students)

- The Institution:**
- ✓ PRESIDENT'S OATH
  - ✓ CATHOLIC BOARD
  - ✓ CATHOLIC FACULTY
  - ✓ MANDATUM REQUIRED
  - ✓ 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:**  
**Institution:** Divine Mercy University consists of a School of Psychology (Institute for the Psychological Sciences) and the School of Counseling, offering on-campus and online degrees in psychology and counseling. 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.  
**Coed Dorms:** DMU is a commuter campus.  
**Health Services:** DMU does not provide health services.

**Donnelly College**

608 North 18th St.  
Kansas City, KS 66102  
(913) 621-8700  
[Donnelly.edu](http://Donnelly.edu)  
Enrollment: 350

- 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:** 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.  
**Mass:** weekdays, 12:05pm  
**Adoration & Concession:** Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays, 11:15am-noon; plus times of prayer and Bible study  
**Clubs:** campus ministry, intramural sports, drill team, library activities committee, Phi Theta Kappa, soccer club, student ambassadors, student activities club, student senate, walking club

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Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady University

5414 Brittany Drive  
Baton Rouge, LA 70808  
(225) 768-1700  
FranU.edu  
Enrollment: 1,400 (as of 2019)

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

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

**School's Comments:**  
**Institution:** As a premier Catholic institution in the Southeast, Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady University (FranU) provides dedicated students with a rigorous and formative education that prepares them to be highly skilled professionals, integrated thinkers and faith-filled citizens. The university was founded in 1923 by the Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady (FMOL) and is faithful to its mission grounded in Franciscan values. Accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to offer doctorate, master's, bachelor's and associate degrees, the university has an enrollment of approximately 1,400 students and offers degrees in nursing, health sciences, humanities, and behavioral and natural sciences.  
**Faculty and Board:** Faculty and board members are Catholic and non-Catholic.  
**Confession and Coed Dorms:** FranU does not offer confession or dorms.

Franciscan University of Steubenville

1235 University Blvd.  
Steubenville, OH 43952  
(740) 283-3771  
Franciscan.edu  
Enrollment: 2,243, or 3,039 including online enrollment

- 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:**  
Oath, Board and Faculty: The president and all members of the Board of Trustees of Franciscan University of Steubenville make a public "Profession of Faith" and take the "Oath of Fidelity" expressing their adherence to the teaching authority of the Catholic Church. In addition to the theology faculty and pastoral ministry personnel, who are required to do so, philosophy, education and sacred music faculty take the "Oath of Fidelity" and make a public "Profession of Faith."  
**Institution:** Franciscan University of Steubenville offers an academically excellent education rooted in passionately Catholic faith formation and the search for truth. Students are not only educated but evangelized and then sent forth as joyful, Spirit-filled disciples of Jesus Christ ready to respond to God's unique personal call on their lives and meet the challenges of a secular world. Ninety-seven percent of students are Catholic, as are 94% of faculty. Students are prepared for a wide range of careers and vocations through more than 80 programs of study, including the newest majors in biochemistry, criminal justice, engineering, human development and family studies, master of Catholic leadership and music ministry (minor). Special programs include a study-abroad semester in a restored 14th-century Carthusian monastery in Austria, a priestly discernment program, science internships, Great Books Honors Program, and mission trips across the U.S. and five countries.



CHRISTENDOM COLLEGE



FRANCISCAN UNIVERSITY OF STEUBENVILLE

Holy Apostles College & Seminary

33 Prospect Hill Road  
Cromwell, CT 06416  
(860) 632-3010  
HolyApostles.edu  
Enrollment: 533

- 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:** Holy Apostles College & Seminary offers an authentic and academically excellent Catholic education. Rooted in the Thomistic tradition, we provide students with the tools to evangelize, a thoroughly Catholic understanding of the world, and personal fulfillment. Undergraduate and graduate programs are available at our beautiful Cromwell, Connecticut, campus and through our online learning program. Our online campus places a faithfully Catholic education within reach for anyone, regardless of where they live, where they work, or the time available to them. Special programs include: "Take Credit!" program for high school/home-school students and bioethics certification partnership with the National Catholic Bioethics Center in our M.A. in Theology program. It is the mission of Holy Apostles to cultivate Catholic leaders for evangelization. Now more than ever the Church needs well-formed men and women who can speak the truth boldly.

Holy Spirit College

4465 Northside Drive, NW  
Atlanta, GA 30327  
(678) 821-2954  
HolySpiritCollege.org  
Enrollment: 40

- 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:** Holy Spirit College, the Atlanta campus of Pontifex University, offers three graduate degrees in Catholic studies, as well as theological classes for the lay learner. All of our programming is devoted to providing a fully integrated education grounded in natural and revealed truth.  
**Dorms:** We do not directly provide dormitories.  
**Health Services:** We do not provide health coverage; we do only promote services in accord with Church teachings.

International Theological Institute — School of Catholic Theology

Schlossgasse 21  
2521 Trumau, Austria  
+43 2253 218 08  
ITI.ac.at  
Enrollment: 100

- 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
  - N/A HEALTH SERVICES OKAY

**School's Comments:**  
**Institution:** Founded at the direct request of Pope St. John Paul II, the ITI is an ecclesiastical theological faculty housed in a 12th-century castle just 20 miles outside of Vienna, Austria. As an international school, classes are conducted in English, and degrees are granted by the Holy See, both in theology and specialized studies on marriage and the family. New is an interdisciplinary three-year bachelor's in liberal arts. The curriculum includes philosophy, theology, natural science, literature, rhetoric, history,

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

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

**School's Comments:**  
**Institution:** JPCatholic is the "Catholic University for Creative Arts and Business Innovation." We're shaping the next generation of artists and innovators with academic excellence, unparalleled creativity and an authentic community centered on Jesus Christ. Develop your creative talents in filmmaking, animation, graphic design, illustration, acting, entrepreneurship, marketing, creative writing and more at an authentically Catholic university in Southern California. Our unique academic model prepares students for their careers with a focus on hands-on projects, mentorship and portfolio preparation, combined with a Catholic liberal arts education in humanities, theology and philosophy. Our programs are structured on a year-round quarter system, and students graduate with their bachelor's degree in just three calendar years.  
**Health:** The school does not offer health-care options for students.

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

620 Michigan Ave., NE,  
McGivney Hall  
Washington, DC 20064  
(202) 526-3799  
JohnPaullII.edu  
Enrollment: approximately 74

- The Institution:**
- N/A PRESIDENT'S OATH
  - ✓ CATHOLIC BOARD
  - ✓ CATHOLIC FACULTY
  - 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 graduate, theological, pontifical institute (not a university) founded by Pope 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 and Confession:** An institute Mass is celebrated weekly; the adjacent Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception also offers Masses and confession daily.  
**Health Services:** We offer a student health-insurance plan but no health services (i.e., a student clinic).

Magdalen College of the Liberal Arts

511 Kearsarge Mountain Road  
Warner, NH 01463  
(603) 456-2656  
Magdalen.edu  
Enrollment: 85

- 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:** Located in beautiful New England, Magdalen College of the Liberal Arts calls her students to a transformative education of the whole person. This education is ordered to human flourishing and communion, animated by the perennial questions, given shape by the Great Books, and nourished by a vibrant liturgical and sacramental culture. Joyfully Catholic in this ascent toward true freedom and a vision of the Good, Magdalen College calls all within her community to enter the great conversation of authors seeking wisdom that has unfolded across the ages and to cultivate a life of virtue, poetic imagination, service and life-giving fidelity.

Maryvale Institute

Old Oscott Hill  
Birmingham, B44 9AG  
England  
+44 121 360 8118  
Maryvale.ac.uk  
Enrollment: 750

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- ✓ CATHOLIC BOARD
- ✓ CATHOLIC FACULTY
- ✓ MANDATUM REQUIRED
- ✓ 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:**  
**Institution:** Maryvale Institute is a distance-learning education institute whose mission is to provide authentic Catholic formation for laypeople and for religious at both the further-education and higher-education levels by offering courses in theology, catechesis and philosophy. It is based in the historic Maryvale House, which has been a center of Catholic faith, worship and spirituality for more than 400 years, and it was the first home of St. John Henry Newman following his reception into the Church. Maryvale offers ecclesiastical degree programs validated by the Pontifical Faculty of Notre-Dame, Paris, as well as undergraduate and post-graduate degrees through the Open University.  
**Campus Culture:** Maryvale is part-time and distance learning. Students only attend a maximum of three times a year, mostly on weekends, for residential study periods, and they stay in single study/bedrooms, not dorms.  
**Health Services:** Health services are not provided.

**Mount St. Mary's Seminary & School of Theology**

6616 Beechmont Ave.  
Cincinnati, OH 45230  
(513) 231-2223  
[Athenaeum.edu](http://Athenaeum.edu)  
Enrollment: 250

**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:** In addition to its seminary programs, Mount St. Mary's Seminary & School of Theology offers certificates and master's degrees in biblical studies, Catholic studies, pastoral ministry and theology.

**Mount St. Mary's University**

16300 Old Emmitsburg Road  
Emmitsburg, MD 21727  
(800) 448-4347  
[msmary.edu](http://msmary.edu)  
Enrollment: 2,396 total (1,898 undergraduates)

**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:** Mount St. Mary's University, a community of friendship in pursuit of truth, goodness and beauty, is proudly and joyfully Catholic. Our campus environment — with a beautiful, natural setting, historic architecture and comfortable size — lifts the spirit and cradles the heart. Our academic programs, our student life and our physical environment embody our Catholic identity, inspiring students to experience the wonder of learning, the joy of community and the nobility of duty to friends, to society and to God.  
**President's Oath:** President Tim Trainor made the public "Profession of Faith" and took the "Oath of Fidelity" at his inauguration Oct. 23, 2017.  
**Coed 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



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guests are not allowed on opposite gender'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.

**Our Lady Seat of Wisdom College**

P.O. Box 249  
18 Karol Wojtyla Sq.  
Barry's Bay, Ontario  
K0J 1B0 Canada  
(613) 756-3082  
[SeatofWisdom.ca](http://SeatofWisdom.ca)  
Enrollment: 80

**The Institution:**

- ✓ PRESIDENT'S OATH
- ✓ CATHOLIC BOARD
- ✓ CATHOLIC FACULTY
- N/A 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.

**Sacred Heart Major Seminary**

2701 Chicago Blvd.  
Detroit, MI 48206  
(313) 883-8500  
[SHMS.edu](http://SHMS.edu)  
Enrollment: 485 (as of 2019)

**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
- N/A 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.

**Sacred Heart Seminary & School of Theology**

7335 S. Hwy 100 (U.S. 45)  
Franklin, WI 53132  
(414) 425-8300  
[SHSST.edu](http://SHSST.edu)  
Enrollment: 170

**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:** In addition to providing sound formation of religious and diocesan seminarians, Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology offers Master of Arts programs with a concentration in spirituality, Scripture or theology for seminarians, priests and laity. We also offer English and culture studies, accent modification, Hispanic studies, an annual Holy Land archeological expedition and interfaith dialogue through our Lux Center for Catholic-Jewish Studies. Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology is an apostolate of the Priests of the Sacred Heart.

**St. Vincent College**

300 Fraser Purchase Road  
Latrobe, PA 15650  
(724) 532-6600  
[StVincent.edu](http://StVincent.edu)  
Enrollment: 1,739

**The Institution:**

- N/A 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:**  
**President's Oath:** The president is a Benedictine priest.  
**Dorms:** Students are segregated by floor or wing requiring card access, and visitation policies are strictly enforced.

**School of Theological Studies at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary**

100 E. Wynnewood Road  
Wynnewood, PA 19096  
(610) 785-6287  
[SCS.edu/school-theological-studies](http://SCS.edu/school-theological-studies)  
Enrollment: 90 (159 in seminary)

**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:** The graduate school offers a Master of Arts in Theology that includes a robust program for diaconate formation and studies. An Institute for Christian Formation is a two-year spiritual formation program offering a completion credential for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. In addition, catechetical classes in English and Spanish run for four weeks at a time on a scheduled rotation that is offered online. The School of Theological Studies provides a summer program for many religious sisters seeking a Master of Arts in Theology.  
**Mandatum:** Theology professors (undergraduate and graduate) take

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## Discern

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encounter comes in the form of a visit or a chat with a student or alumnus who communicates with the same enthusiasm or energy about the place. And then that love of a place can be a seed which germinates in your own heart through prayer.

*When you eventually discerned your vocation to the Cistercians, did you encounter any of the same feelings or experiences that you had when you decided to attend UD?*

Oh, yes. The discernment to join the abbey was more concrete. During the Easter Triduum retreat as a senior, I walked out of one of the conferences that one of the monks gave, and I had the sense that God wanted me to be

there. I wasn't thrilled about that. My initial answer to God was "Fine." But once I had that in sight, the selfish cords which I had wrapped around my will were gradually undone.

There is an intuitive grace which is available to you if you are truly trying to harmonize your own interests and desires with what the Lord has in store for you. There is always going to be an element of uncertainty, and that's good — but I think that there's a great connection you can make to a particular college that you can sense in visiting the place or speaking to students and alumni to know the place. These interactions can give you confidence that it is a good fit for you.

*Are there any resources or stories of the saints that you would recommend to students trying to decide on their future college?*

St. Paul — but not so much the account of his conversion in Acts as his own account in Galatians I. Here, he gives a sense of what he's made of this dramatic change in his life, and he notes that God has prepared him for that shift from his zealous preservation of his ancestral traditions to the revelation of God's Son, Jesus Christ. Paul saw his Judaism as absolutely essential to his vocation as a Christian apostle to the Gentiles — so Paul, not as the guy on the horse, but in his reflection on how God has led him throughout his life. And I don't think it's ever too early to introduce people, at least in high school, to Ignatius' *Spiritual Exercises*. They are a most welcome and necessary part of discerning a vocation like marriage or the priesthood — or college!

Kathryn Wallice writes from Hartford, Connecticut.





THOMAS AQUINAS COLLEGE EAST COAST CAMPUS

the “Oath of Fidelity” and make the “Profession of Faith” publicly before the archbishop and receive the *mandatum*.  
**Health Services Okay:** A nurse on site provides health care.

**Thomas Aquinas College**

10,000 N. Ojai Road  
Santa Paula, CA 93060  
(805) 525-4417  
&  
231 Main Street  
Northfield, MA 01360  
(800) 634-9797  
*ThomasAquinas.edu*  
Enrollment: 467 (both campuses)

**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:** Though Thomas Aquinas College opened its doors 20 years

prior to the promulgation of *Ex Corde Ecclesiae*, its founding document foreshadowed in many ways Pope St. John Paul II’s directives to Catholic universities and colleges. Our mission is to provide a genuinely Catholic liberal education under the light of the teaching Church and according to the doctrine and method of the universal doctor of the Church, St. Thomas Aquinas. The college has two campuses — one in California and the other in Massachusetts — and offers on both campuses one integrated curriculum that spans the major disciplines and employs the Great Books and the discussion method in its classes. Graduates go on to a wide variety of pursuits: law, medicine, education, journalism, public policy, military service, business, technology, and the priesthood and religious life.  
**Mass and Confession:** During the week, Mass is offered four times daily, while two Masses are offered on Saturdays and three on Sundays. Confessions are heard before and after each of these Masses. The first Mass of the day is said in the extraordinary form; all others are offered in the ordinary form, in English and Latin.  
**Coed Dorms:** The college has only single-sex dorms, and visitation by the opposite sex is prohibited at all times.

**Thomas More College of Liberal Arts**

6 Manchester St.  
Merrimack, NH 03257  
(603) 880-8308  
*ThomasMoreCollege.edu*  
Enrollment: 93

**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:** The program of studies at Thomas More College is ordered towards the pursuit of wisdom. Each person lives with answers to the questions: “Who am I?”; “Where am I going?”; “How do I get there?” We answer these questions by the simple fact that we live, we pursue goals, we make choices, we prioritize our lives according to how we understand ourselves, our culture, the world, our relationship to it, and what we consider most important or needful.

Though we live with answers that may seem sufficient, we must have the courage to ask some fundamental questions: “How did I arrive at my answers?” “Who taught them to me?” “Are they true?” Socrates said long ago, “The unexamined life is not worth living.” This simple statement has endured because it is true. The cultural milieu that each of us breathes provides a narrative of what it means to be a human person. But is that narrative correct? Are the cultural values of consumerism, economic well-being, pleasure, youth and freedom from all duty the pursuits that will give each of us what we truly desire: happiness and peace? At Thomas More College, we seek to find the answers to these questions. Each student is challenged to reach into the wisdom of the past and read with great care and attention the greatest that has been thought, written and spoken. Such a pursuit can seem daunting or even hopeless to students, because they quickly realize the greatest minds are in disagreement. Such study can corrupt a young intellect and make it despairing of ever being able to know the Truth. The liberal arts do not make men and women virtuous. What gives our college the courage to engage in such a pursuit — hopeful of discovering the truth — is that this endeavor takes place with the

guidance of the Church’s wisdom and Tradition. Knowing the fount of Truth gives us the courage to seek the Truth. Fundamental to the success of this endeavor are the teaching fellows of the college. Well-schooled in their own disciplines, and broadened by the college’s curriculum, their art is not to impart knowledge or profess what they think. It is, rather, with the text as the teacher, to lead students to see the Truth for themselves. It is only after a student has had the delightful experience of knowing and being able to say with confidence, “I know what I know, and I know that I know it” are they prepared to truly flourish as liberated human beings, capable of fulfilling their ultimate purpose.

**Universidad Católica de Ávila**

(Catholic University of Ávila)  
Calle Canteros, S/N  
05005 Ávila, Spain  
+34 920 25 10 20  
*ucavila.es*  
Enrollment: 2,500

**The Institution:**  
✓ PRESIDENT’S OATH  
✓ CATHOLIC BOARD  
✓ CATHOLIC FACULTY  
✓ MANDATUM REQUIRED  
✓ THEOLOGIAN’S OATH

**Campus Culture:**  
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✓ UNOBJECTIONABLE CLUBS  
✓ NO COED DORMS  
✓ HEALTH SERVICES OKAY

**University of Dallas**

1845 E. Northgate Drive  
Irving, TX 75062  
(972) 721-5125  
*UDallas.edu*  
Enrollment: 2,412 (undergraduate & graduate)

**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:**  
**Faculty:** The university does not have those statistics.  
**Dorms:** Our one coed residence hall is segregated by wing and floor. Mem-

bers 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  
*UMary.edu*  
Enrollment: Main campus: 2,681; overall enrollment 2018-2019: 4,601

**The Institution:**  
✓ PRESIDENT’S OATH  
✓ CATHOLIC BOARD  
N/A 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:** Founded and sponsored by the Benedictine Sisters of Annunciation Monastery, the University of Mary is the nation’s most serious, affordable Catholic university, teaching in accordance with the magisterium of the Church. With nearly 60 undergraduate majors, including degrees in engineering, and 19 graduate degrees (such as master’s degrees in Catholic studies and bioethics and four doctoral programs), the University of Mary continues to boast a stellar academic reputation, with a solid liberal arts core curriculum and one of the best nursing programs in the nation. U Mary also offers a rich sacramental culture, with students flocking to daily Mass, adoration and our beautiful fieldstone grotto dedicated to the Blessed Mother. With 18 NCAA sports, a chaplain specifically for Marauders Athletics, a beautiful campus in Rome, and other international learning opportunities, we have a robust “Catholic Scholars” program, with eligible Catholic high-school seniors receiving free room and board; 24/7 dining; online and distance learning at satellite campuses; and the innovative “Year-Round Campus” option, allowing students to earn a bachelor’s degree in 2.6 years or a master’s in four — less time, less cost, less debt. **Faculty:** In accordance with North Dakota state law, U Mary does not maintain a record of the religious affiliation of employees.  
**Theologians’ Oath:** Theology professors take the “Oath of Fidelity” at the time of their hiring.

**University of St. Thomas**

3800 Montrose Blvd.  
Houston, TX 77006

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University of Mary

(713) 525-3500  
[StThom.edu/catholic](http://StThom.edu/catholic)  
Enrollment: 3,523

- 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:**  
**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](http://Walsh.edu)  
Enrollment: Nearly 3,000

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

- Campus Culture:**
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  - ✓ 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**

306 Main Street  
Lander, WY 82520  
(307) 332-2930  
[WyomingCatholic.edu](http://WyomingCatholic.edu)  
Enrollment: 190

- 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
  - N/A HEALTH SERVICES OKAY

**School's Comments:**  
**Institution:** Wyoming Catholic College forms students through a rigorous immersion in the primary sources of the classical liberal arts tradition, the grandeur of the mountain wilderness, and the spiritual heritage of the Catholic Church. Grounded in real experience and thoughtful reflection, our graduates love truth, think clearly and communicate eloquently, engaging with the world as it is.  
**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.

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