



THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA

IN SERVICE TO THE CHURCH

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Academic Year in Review for the Bishops of the United States

President Peter K. Kilpatrick

DID YOU KNOW?

The Catholic University of America was the largest university sponsor of the 2024 National Eucharistic Congress and was represented by a delegation of more than 50 faculty, staff, and students. More than 1,200 people attended the University-sponsored events on dating, family and education, and priestly life.

We partner with dioceses across the country to address the needs of the local Church in innovative ways. The Archdiocese of Chicago is implementing our Catholic Identity Professional Development program for teachers, staff, and school leaders. In Tucson, Ariz., we created an innovative program that provides lower-income, primarily Hispanic and Latino students access to a Catholic University undergraduate degree that is affordable and close to home.

We provide a **vibrant faith life for students**, with five chapels on campus and 30 Masses each week; we offered over 200 hours of Eucharistic Adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation this past academic year. Five priest chaplains, consecrated religious, and lay leaders offer vocational discernment, community volunteer opportunities, and other spiritual and service activities.

We have an increasingly diverse student body that was 27% Hispanic and 9% African-American this past academic year. University initiatives, including Impact Scholarships, help ensure our campus reflects the diversity of our Church and nation.

Undergraduate seminarians at Catholic University receive a minimum 50% scholarship, with additional need-and-merit-based aid available.

Catholic University offers a **Parish Scholarship to all students active in a Catholic parish**. For the 2024 incoming freshman class, that offer totals \$13.5 million — equaling **\$54 million over four years for students coming from Catholic parishes across the country**. The \$4,000 first-year renewable scholarship can be combined with other financial support.

In 2023–2024, the University granted over \$2.2 million in Impact Scholarships to more than 435 students. These four-year scholarships, totaling nearly \$9 million, bridged the gap between tuition and a student's financial resources, and created greater access to education for applicants with limited financial means.



THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA IN SERVICE TO THE CHURCH

Since the bishops of the United States founded The Catholic University of America more than 130 years ago, we have sought to **fulfill our mission to form the next generation of clergy, religious, and laity in service to the Church, the nation, and the world.** We continue to live out this mission faithfully.

As the national university of the Catholic Church in America, our Catholic mission and identity are integrated across all that we do, including initial and ongoing formation of priests; programs in sacred music, art, and architecture; academic research; and a robust campus ministry.

Our business school prepares students to be a force for good, while our nursing faculty produce healthcare professionals who are called to the healing ministry of Jesus Christ and possess a foundation in Catholic medical ethics. The Columbus School of Law forms leaders prepared for work at the intersection of faith and reason, and ethics and the common good.

We live out the principles of *Laudato Si'* through courses in engineering, architecture, and the sciences; a campus-wide sustainability plan; and installation of the largest ground solar array in our nation's capital. This year Catholic University received top honors from our city and the U.S. Department of Education for our sustainability initiatives.

We also are committed to a diverse student body that reflects our Church and world, and to supporting research that seeks to better lives. And this year, seminarians and clergy from 52 dioceses, plus religious congregations, studied at Catholic University's ecclesiastical schools.

For 120 years, the National Collection for The Catholic University of America has engaged the faithful from across the nation, ensuring programs in support of our dioceses and the Church's mission.

Thanks to your generosity, the 2023 National Collection raised more than \$5 million from 90% of dioceses. These contributions are vital to supporting key initiatives that address critical issues in the Church through innovative research and programming, formation in the faith, programs for dioceses and for seminarian and religious formation, and the support of undergraduate and graduate student admissions.

In 2024 we are delighted to be partnering with eight (arch)dioceses whose Bishop's Scholarship enables

students from the diocese to attend the University, answering their call to become Catholic leaders for the next generation.

Learn more in these pages about how The Catholic University of America proudly supports the current strategic priorities of the USCCB both inside and outside the classroom:

- **Evangelization**
- **Lifting Up Life and Dignity**
- **Vocations**
- **Protecting and Healing**
- **Pandemic Recovery**

2023-2024 HIGHLIGHTS

AUGUST

- **Nearly 1,100 new undergraduates and 683 new graduate students** from 48 states and 140 countries enter the University this fall.
- Rev. Gladstone H. "Bud" Stevens, P.S.S., from the Archdiocese of Louisville, becomes rector of **Theological College**.

SEPTEMBER

- Nearly 500 students volunteer with local nonprofits for the annual **Mother Teresa Day of Service**.

OCTOBER

- **The School of Canon Law** celebrates its Centennial.
- Rev. Aquinas Guilbeau, O.P., is named the first **Vice President of Ministry and Mission**. He also serves as head chaplain.
- The **Brookland Outreach Program** hosts Halloween on Campus. This event, plus a spring service day, draws more than 2,100 local residents to campus.
- More than 1,200 alumni return to campus for **Cardinal Weekend**.

NOVEMBER

- The Catholic Project releases new insights from its **National Study of Catholic Priests**, a resource to support bishops in their pastoral mission.
- The Holy See confirms Joseph Capizzi, Ph.D., as **dean of the School of Theology and Religious Studies**.
- President Peter Kilpatrick addresses the bishops at the **USCCB Fall Plenary Assembly** in Baltimore.

DECEMBER

- **Cardinal Wilton D. Gregory**, University chancellor and archbishop of Washington, speaks to students on the topics of diversity, synodality, and a culture of encounter in our increasingly diverse Church and nation.

EVANGELIZATION: BRINGING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST TO THE WORLD

The bishops who founded Catholic University affirmed that the "teaching of the University should be faithfully Catholic." Both inside and outside of the classroom, The Catholic University of America is preparing clergy, religious, and laity to live out their missionary calling.

SELECTED PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES

Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen Excellence in Preaching Initiative

School of Theology and Religious Studies (Lilly Endowment Grant)

This online and in-person training for clergy, seminarians, consecrated religious, and laity who participate in catechetical speaking will enhance preaching and proclamation effectiveness so they may better engage and feed parishioners spiritually and inspire them to share Christ's love in their daily lives.

Welcoming Children in Worship

School of Theology and Religious Studies (Lilly Endowment Grant)

Online resources and research strengthen children's conscious and active participation in the Eucharist and support in-person communities of shared worship, reflection, and prayer with children.

Catholic School Accreditation and Leader Formation

Institute for the Transformation of Catholic Education (ITCE)

Catholic accreditation, and leader and teacher formation around Catholic identity, support the renewal and flourishing of K-12 Catholic education. Currently 285 Catholic schools serving 92,000 students in nine dioceses use our Lumen Accreditation.

Church Administration and Management

The Busch School of Business

Our online master's degree in ecclesial administration and management plus graduate certificates in Church leadership and administration prepare priests, consecrated religious, and lay persons to succeed in their responsibility of administering the goods of the Church in diocesan and parish life.

Campus Ministry

A Community of Belonging

Campus Ministry seeks to form student apostles, increase student participation in the sacraments, and help students realize God's purpose for their lives. Personal retreats and mission trips, and programs addressing topics such as healthy relationships, dating, and vocational discernment, support authentic human formation. A robust Residence Minister program provides many on-campus residents a first and enduring point of contact.

National Eucharistic Congress

Largest University Sponsor

Catholic University supported priests, families, and young adults in carrying out their call to evangelize through Congress and session sponsorship, while our faculty engaged attendees on topics such as catechesis, ethics and business, family life, and formation.

LIFTING UP LIFE AND DIGNITY

Our commitment to upholding the value of all human life is part of our campus culture, from how we care for our common home to academics, community service, policies, and strong student involvement in the annual March for Life. When our students graduate, they understand their responsibility to serve human dignity in all aspects of life.

SELECTED PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES

Guadalupe Project

We take our responsibility to welcome new life seriously, with a campus-wide commitment to support students, faculty, and staff who are expecting or parenting. Policies and resources meet material, spiritual, psychological, and physical needs, and support for students to continue their education.

Campus Sustainability

Inspired by *Laudato Si'*, Catholic University's comprehensive sustainability plan covers facilities, buildings, student life, and academics. The Master of Net Zero Design/Master of Architecture degree is one example of preparing students for environmental stewardship.

Nursing

Our students not only use cutting-edge technology, but receive an education grounded in Catholic healthcare ethics. Nursing students recently provided more than 33,000 hours of clinical care to patients across our metropolitan region.

Catholic Law

Legal aid clinics for immigration and refugee matters and for family law give students direct experience, while programs such as the Center for Law and the Human Person and the Center for Religious Liberty address additional aspects of human dignity.

Volunteering for the Common Good

Students volunteered more than 9,300 hours in our community, assisting the unhoused, immigrants, Missionaries of Charity, Little Sisters of the Poor, pregnant and parenting women, and more. Nearly 1,000 students participated in two campus community service days.

Additional programs include the Center for Human Rights and the Institute for Human Ecology, while a partnership between Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington and the National Catholic School for Social Service provides field experience and job placement.



2024

JANUARY

- Hundreds of students, faculty, and staff led by President Kilpatrick attend the **National March for Life**. The University is a major sponsor.
- 643 students participate in the **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service**, providing critical assistance for local needs.

FEBRUARY

- **Most Reverend William Byrne**, bishop of Springfield, gives the inaugural address for the excellence in preaching initiative.
- **Helen Alvaré** speaks to students on religious freedom after the sexual revolution during the President's Speaker Series.

MARCH

- **10 students enter the Church** at the Easter Vigil; eight more receive first sacraments.

APRIL

- **Most Reverend Mark Seitz**, bishop of El Paso, headlines a national conference on immigration, sponsored by the University and USCCB.
- **The National Catholic School of Social Service** celebrates 90 years of its doctoral program, the third oldest in the world.

MAY

- Jonathan Roumie of **"The Chosen"** television series offers an inspiring commencement address.
- **Teresa Pitt Green**, international advocate for healing and survivor of clergy sex abuse, receives an honorary doctorate.
- The first graduates of **The Catholic University of America — Tucson** participate in the University's commencement in Washington, D.C.

JUNE

- Catholic University dedicates the **largest ground solar array in our nation's capital**.
- The fund for the **Cardinal Sean O'Malley Endowed Chair** in Hispanic Ministry and Evangelization launches.

JULY

- The Holy See confirms V. Bradley Lewis, Ph.D., as **dean of the School of Philosophy**.
- Catholic University is the largest university sponsor of the **National Eucharistic Congress**.

VOCATIONS: FORMING CHURCH LEADERS

We take seriously our mandate to help students discern God's call in their lives, as we form the next generation of Catholic leaders.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

Spending time in prayer is easy on campus and at the adjacent Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Catholic University has five on-campus chapels, including a 24-hour chapel, where over 30 Masses are celebrated each week. Over 211 hours of Eucharistic Adoration and 200 scheduled hours for Reconciliation were made available to students this year.

With five full-time priest chaplains, consecrated religious, lay leaders, and student ministers, Campus Ministry is prepared to support students in deepening their relationship with Christ so they are better able to discern how they are called to live their faith in the world.



DEGREE PROGRAMS

Canon Law

- J.C.L. and J.C.D.

Philosophy

- B.A., B.Phil., M.A., Ph.L., Ph.D.
- Joint degree: J.D./M.A.

Theology and Religious Studies

- Civil: M.A., Ph.D.
- Ecclesiastical: S.T.B., S.T.L., S.T.D.
- Pastoral: M.Div., D.Min.
- Joint Degrees: S.T.B./M.Div., M.A./M.S.L.I.S.

ECCLESIASTICAL SCHOOLS

As the only university in the United States with three ecclesiastical faculties — Philosophy, Theology and Religious Studies, and Canon Law — we offer the credentials and formation for seminarians, clergy, and laity to support healthy vocations in service to the Church.

Students may receive undergraduate and advanced degrees in areas such as Biblical studies, canon law, catechesis, philosophy, liturgical studies, moral theology, systematic theology, Church history, ethics, and pastoral studies.

An optional concentration in Hispanic ministry prepares seminarians culturally, pastorally, and theologically for work within Hispanic communities, while lay undergraduates seeking to serve in parish, youth, or other Church ministries can pursue a certificate in pastoral ministry.

PROTECT AND HEAL: BUILDING A HEALTHIER CHURCH

Our faculty and staff provide expertise, research, and resources to promote healing for the Church where it is needed.

The Center for the Prevention and Treatment of Sexual Violence

Established in 2020, the Center for the Prevention and Treatment of Sexual Violence is part of the University's comprehensive response to the abuse crisis facing the Church. The Center serves as portal, training center, and research center on the prevention and treatment of sexual abuse.

Online Certificate in Child Protection and Safe Environments

Administered through the National Catholic School of Social Service, the certificate program gives priests, deacons, consecrated religious, and laity a deeper knowledge of best practices in child protection from a Catholic perspective.

The Catholic Project

Established to foster effective collaboration between the clergy and the laity of the Church in the wake of the sexual abuse crisis, this team develops and coordinates research, data, and programs — such as the National Study of Catholic Priests — designed to foster a healthier Church

PANDEMIC RECOVERY: SUPPORTING STUDENTS

This year's graduating class entered during the global pandemic. We were proud to have welcomed them safely on campus their first year, and remain grateful to the more than 1,000 donors who contributed \$1.8 million to our Crisis Relief Fund, responding to student needs throughout the difficult years of the global pandemic.





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In 2023, President Kilpatrick established Catholic University's Office of Diocesan Engagement to assist bishops and their leadership teams with promoting their interests at and through the University. Please consider us a resource and a partner in conversation around these and other diocesan priorities. We invite you to reach out with any questions.



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