St. John's 2026 Catholic College Visits - Colleges At-A-Glance

The Cardinal Newman Society

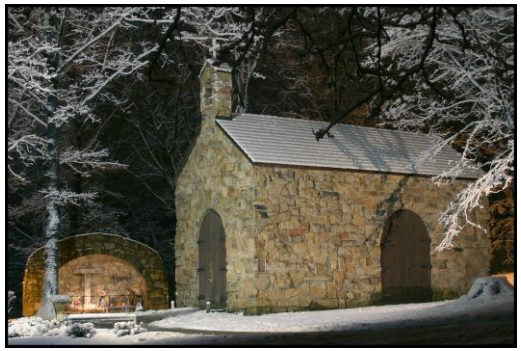
Promoting and Defending Faithful Catholic Education

Website: https://newmansociety.org
Founded in 1993, the mission of The Cardinal Newman Society is to promote and defend faithful Catholic education. The Society seeks to fulfill its mission in numerous ways, including supporting education that is faithful to the teaching and tradition of the Catholic Church; producing and disseminating research and publications on developments and best practices in Catholic education; and keeping Catholic leaders and families informed. The Newman Guide recommends Catholic colleges and universities because of their commitment to a faithful Catholic education

Franciscan University of Steubenville

Location: Steubenville, OH
Website: https://franciscan.edu/
Size: 2,785 undergraduates; 871 graduates
Founded: 1946 Majors: 70

Annual Cost: $42,395/$25,310Net
Athletics: NCAA Div III – 18 team sports
% Students Catholic: 96%
% Faculty Catholic: 95%
Most Popular Majors: Theology, Business, Nursing, Education
Unique Programs of Study: Radio & Television, Communication Arts, Theatre, Comp. Science, Sacred Music
Officer Training: Army ROTC, Air Force ROTC
Recognition: *U.S. News & World Report* Top Tier School (Midwest Region)
Misc.: FUS boasts the largest number of students majoring in theology and catechetics of any Catholic university in the United States, and so too the largest number of students majoring in philosophy. 235 acre campus. 45+ Households on campus (think Catholic fraternities/sororities). Perpetual Adoration



Visit: Leaving Thursday, Oct. 8th in afternoon and returning late Friday, Oct. 9th

University of Mary

Location: Bismarck, ND **Website**: https://www.umary.edu/
Size: 2,178 undergraduates; 1,428 graduates
Annual Cost: $30,400/$18,572Net Majors: 59
Athletics: NCAA Div II – 18 team sports
% Students Catholic: 85% **% Faculty Catholic:** 68%
Founded: 1959

Most Popular Majors: Nursing, Engineering, Pre-Physical Therapy, Biology
Unique Programs of Study: Construction Management, IT Management, Pre-Med, Pre-Chiropractic and Pre-Vet Concentrations.
Recognition: Center on Education and the Workforce Top 5% School for successful educational outcomes
Misc.: Bismarck has a population of 75,000 and has a hospital, zoo & 2 malls. Airport is only 5 min from campus. Sports include Track & Field, Hockey, Wrestling & Football.
Enticements: - If you gradated from a Catholic HS, you receive free room and board
- Nursing majors receive free tuition senior year
- The dining hall is a newly renovated "hang-out" with pool tables, tvs in the booths, made-to-order food and unlimited swipes – go as many times a day as you'd like.

Visit: Leaving early Sunday, Oct. 4th and returning late Tuesday night, Oct. 6th.

Christendom College

Location: Front Royal, VA
Website: https://www.christendom.edu/
Size: 550 undergraduates **Founded:** 1977
Annual Cost: $42,920/$23,000Net **Majors:** 7

% Students Catholic: 99% **% Faculty Catholic**: 100%
Most Popular Majors: Philosophy, History, Political Science
Unique Programs of Study: Classical & Early Christian Studies
Recognition: Intercollegiate Studies Institute Top Ten Schools
Athletics: USCAA – 10 team sports
Misc.: Summer Program in Ireland & semester abroad in Rome options. 70% of student body attends daily Mass. 25 different clubs & organizations for students on campus.

Visit: Leaving Sunday early afternoon, Nov. 15th & returning late Monday night, Nov. 16th .

BENEDICTINE COLLEGE

Location: Atchison, KS (1 hour from Kansas City)
Website: https://www.benedictine.edu/
Founded: 1971

Size: 2,289 undergraduates; 73 graduates **Majors**: 50
Annual Cost: $43,810/$25,890 Net **Athletics:** NAIA – 19 team sports
% Students Catholic: 85% **% Faculty Catholic**: unknown
Most Popular Majors: Engineering, Business, Education, Theology
Unique Programs of Study: Athletic Health Care, Architecture, Special Education, Astronomy, Exercise Science
Officer Training: Army & Air Force ROTC
Sports: Football, Lacrosse (M&W), Track & Field and Cross Country (M&W)
Recognition: *U.S. News & World Report* Top Tier School (Midwest Region)
Misc.: All of the campus' buildings are either new or have been renovated in the past 10 yrs. BC has 7 different student choirs and 72 FOCUS Bible studies. The new 42,000sf Murphy Rec Center features a hanging track & turfed field, 2 full sized basketball courts, multipurpose rooms,weight room and spinning classes.

Visit: Leaving Thursday, Oct. 22nd right after school and returning late Sat. night, Oct. 24th . Sat. – Homecoming events & football game

UNIVERSITY OF DALLAS
The Catholic University for Independent Thinkers

Location: Irving, TX (Dallas/ Fort Worth metro area)
Founded: 1956

Website: https://www.udallas.edu/
Size: 1,475 undergraduates; 1,200 graduates **Majors**: 30
Annual Cost: $66,430/$21,014Net **Athletics:** NCAA Div III – 15 team sports
% Students Catholic: 80% **% Faculty Catholic**: not reported
Most Popular Majors: Biology, Business, English, Theology
Unique Programs of Study: Computer Sciences, Biology, Drama, Politics
Officer Training: Army & Air Force ROTC
Recognition: *Forbes* America's Top Colleges; *Princeton Review* Best 380; *What Will They Learn?* A-List School. UD has the distinction of having gained a Phi Beta Kappa chapter faster than any other institution in the 20th century. 38 Fulbright scholars. 85% of pre-med students are accepted into medical schools.
Misc.: 80% of undergrads spend a semester studying in Rome on UD's 14 acre villa, complete with 114 student residence hall & athletic facilities.
Downtown Dallas is 15 min. away by train, which is a 5 min walk from campus.
Sports: Includes Baseball, Softball, Golf (M&W), Cross Country and Track & Field (M&W)

Visit: Leaving early Friday morning, Nov. 13st & returning late Sat. night, Nov. 14th. Friday evening rodeo in Ft. Worth (cost included).

AVE MARIA UNIVERSITY

Location: Ave Maria, FL (2 hours from Miami/Fort Lauderdale) **Website**: https://www.avemaria.edu/
Size: 1,247 undergraduates; 63 graduates **Majors:** 32 **Founded**: 2003
Annual Cost: $41,918/$24,272Net **Athletics:** NAIA – 23 team sports
% Students Catholic: 90% **% Faculty Catholic**: 90%
Most Popular Majors: Business/Economics, Biology/Biochemistry, Psychology
Unique Programs of Study: Health Science Administration, Marine Biology, Nursing; Global Affairs/International Bus.
Recognition: *Newsweek* #17 Most Desirable Rural School; *USA Today* Top Ten Florida Colleges & Universities
Misc.: 45 min from FL's west coast beaches. The Mother Teresa Project Exhibition Hall is at the center of campus. More than 40 SOMD students have attended AMU over the past several years. Offers perpetual adoration.

Visit: Leaving Sun. Nov. 1st , early morning & returning late Mon. night Nov. 2nd . Part of Sunday will be spent at Hollywood Beach.