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Northwest Vista College

Students are changing the world through service

Written by **Dr. Ric Neal Baser**, for Today's Catholic

Pope Francis has said, "Dear young people, put your talents at the service of the Gospel, with creativity and boundless charity."



In my nearly four decades in higher education, I have witnessed the charitable acts of thousands of students. Their engagement in college life and sharing talents, skills and abilities brings hope and joy to those in need. That success is multiplied when students attain employment

and become leaders in their communities.

I am inspired that 3,852 Northwest Vista College (NVC) students spent a total of 29,024 hours last year volunteering and serving the San Antonio community. The national earned value of those hours, as measured by the Independent Sector, is estimated at \$728,502.

NVC students work with local, national and international organizations as part of their courses, clubs and organizations, and out of the desire to make a positive impact. They serve as tutors, mentors, participate in health fairs, distribute food and even clean up beaches. Through

their service, students explore careers, gain leadership skills and experience diverse cultures.

Their dedication serves as an inspiration of what Pope Francis defines as "An authentic faith-which is never comfortable or completely personal-always involves a deep desire to change the world, to transmit values, to leave this earth somehow better than we found it."



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Living Catholicism

Good News on campus and beyond

Written by **Angela Sealana**, for Today's Catholic

Do you see the brilliant light shining in the bleak picture often painted of the Church's future?

Over my 10 years in high school youth ministry and catechesis, I'd often hear adults exchange their condolences with one another, imagining their beloved young person setting foot on a college campus and immediately throwing their Catholic identity aside.

While it's true that college has traditionally been one of the first places where a young person's faith is challenged by the convergence of diverse beliefs in their campus community, this should be something we – people who believe the Truth sets free – celebrate rather than fear.

The Center for Applied Research In the Apostolate (CARA) has found that 40 percent of people who entered the Church as adults entered between the ages of 18-29.

I began working for Pilgrim Center of Hope here in San Antonio 10 years ago, as a senior finishing my bachelor's degree. During my time at university, I witnessed the baptism of two students whom I personally knew, and another's entrance into full communion with the Catholic Church from a strongly Protestant background.

Their conversions were not the result of any particular programs or courses.

These three individuals were a part of my circle of friends, which had at its core several young adults who were striving to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ. "Let's be saints!" we would say.

We lived joyfully, cultivating a little family among ourselves wherein God was loved. I then began to see that our love for God and one another was contagious.

University life fostered organic conversations about what mattered to us. We would gather together, toast some bread, sit on the floor of the dorms, and talk about what we believed. Some of my friends initiated works of mercy and invited others to come along. Some decided to start praying Evening Prayer together in their dorm room.

Our youth gave us a great advantage: authenticity and less inhibition. Without the burden of worry, we openly invited and welcomed people to come along to prayer or works of charity, or to meet our consecrated lay friends.

Soon, the dorm room was not big enough to hold the number of people who wished to stay for Vespers. Soon, our few shifts for Eucharistic Adoration at the parish next-door became a regular on-campus Adoration time for students. Soon, those who had never given much thought to religious faith were donning baptismal gowns.

Pope St. Paul VI hit the nail on its head when he said, "Modern man listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if he does listen to teachers, it is because they are witnesses."

Programs, books, campaigns, and projects for evangelization are all wonderful things. At their core, however, they will only be successful if they are accompanied by our authentic Christian witness; our actual living of the Good News.

I learned this principle first-hand on my college campus. I see its vindication each day working for Pilgrim Center of Hope, which is primarily built on the grassroots model of evangelization that God himself established in the life of Jesus Christ and is carried on in the daily lives of Christians. Every day, my coworkers and I see the fruit that grows from the seed of God's grace, planted in the authentic Christian lives of parents, friends, children, coworkers, and neighbors.

Yes, the rate of persons who leave or disown religious faith is increasing, but do not despair. This reality should remind us of the urgency of Christ's calling for us to spread the Gospel.

We "are children of the light and children of the day" (1 Thess 5:5). We are not called to spend our time in anxiety or worry; on the contrary, we are called "to live in a manner worthy of the Lord, so as to be fully pleasing, in every good work bearing fruit and growing in the knowledge of God, strengthened with every power, in accord with his glorious might, for all endurance and patience, with joy giving thanks to the Father, who has made [us] fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light" (Col 1:10-12)!

Let's accept this challenge, and welcome God's abundant gifts to help us live each day with hope. By living this way in our daily responsibilities – wherever God has placed us, be assured we are each sharing the Gospel. That is Good News!

Angela Sealana is media coordinator for Pilgrim Center of Hope, and serves as a member of the PCH Speaker Team. Living Catholicism is a regular column of this Catholic evangelization apostolate that answers Christ's call by guiding people to encounter Him through pilgrimages, conferences and outreach. PilgrimCenterofHope.org

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Our Lady of Lake University
OLLU offers double the value for your degree

Students can get the most out of their college investment by doubling or tripling the value of their degree at Our Lady of the Lake University (OLLU). The university has made it easier for students to complete two majors or a major and two minors in just four years – the same amount of time it takes to earn just one major elsewhere.

This OLLU advantage is possible through a general education curriculum that gives students more flexibility to combine their passion with their purpose across multiple areas of study. By combining majors, OLLU graduates have the benefit of at least three career tracks – one in each major and a third one from the combined major.

ACCELERATED BACHELOR'S TO MASTER'S

OLLU offers accelerated programs to allow students to progress to a graduate degree faster and at less expense. Students have the opportunity to take graduate level classes as part of their undergraduate major and earn credit towards a master's degree.



KEEPING PRIVATE HIGHER EDUCATION AFFORDABLE

OLLU works closely with each student and family to keep private education affordable. The university offers scholarships, grants and assistance with the financial aid process. More than 90 percent of OLLU freshmen received financial aid in 2019.

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University of the Incarnate Word (UIW)

Committed to educational excellence in a context of faith

The University of the Incarnate Word, located a short distance from downtown San Antonio, the Alamo Quarry and the Pearl Brewery, is a 154-acre campus filled with opportunities for students to grow personally, professionally and spiritually. UIW offers more than 90 undergraduate majors, as well as master's and doctoral programs, and five Health Professions Schools to help students attain their educational goals.

UIW students pride themselves in fulfilling the mission of its founders, the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word, of serving the underserved by participating in community and global service acts. Students



UIW admits qualified applicants on a rolling basis. For admissions information, visit www.uiw.edu/admissions. To schedule a visit, call (800) 749-WORD or (210) 829-6005. UIW is a ministry of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word.

can participate in Division I Athletics teams or student clubs and organizations, including intramural sports.

With 10 residence halls, students can choose to live on or off campus. The UIW Office of Campus Engagement ensures students have multiple opportunities to be engaged on campus, outside of the classroom.

Interested in living in another country? Experience other cultures and engage in cross-cultural tradi-

tions while becoming globally concerned citizens by participating in the Study Abroad Program. With two European Study Centers, two campuses in Mexico and over 144 sister schools across the globe, students can elect to travel with a faculty-led group for a week or extend their stay for a semester, or year, abroad.

Explore the University of the Incarnate Word, where we are all part of One Word!

UIW, Orbis Education to launch accelerated nursing degree program

SAN ANTONIO • University of the Incarnate Word is partnering with Orbis Education on an accelerated bachelor's degree program to address the nursing shortage in San Antonio and throughout Texas.

Through a hybrid learning model that combines an interactive e-learning platform and state-of-the-art simulations with clinical rotations at top local hospitals, students can earn a degree in as little as 16 months.

There will be three start dates per year, beginning in the fall of 2020. Prospective students must have a bachelor's degree in a field outside of nursing. Transfer students and those in advanced standing also are eligible for the program.

For more information, visit absn.uiw.edu.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

University of the Incarnate Word
Catholic High School Scholarship
(\$2,000 per year)

UIW also offers academic scholarships up to \$20,000 per year, with 95% of UIW students receiving aid.

uiw.edu/scholarships

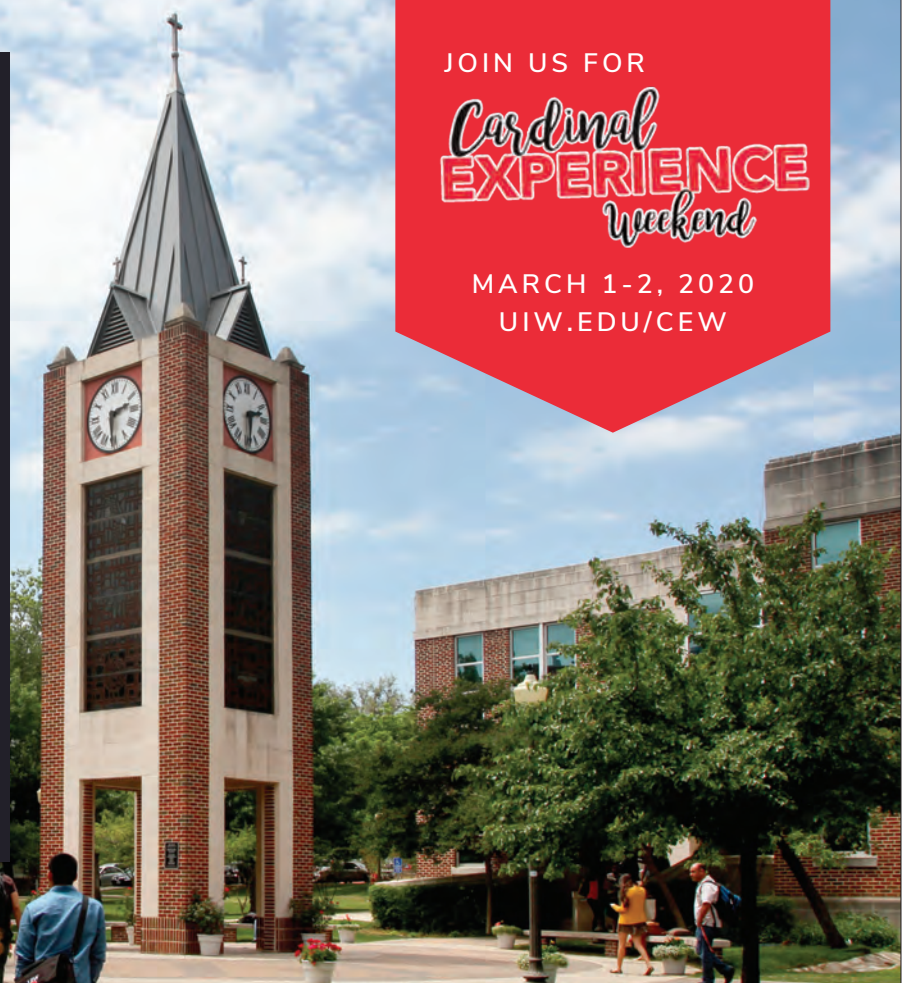


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OST offers a PhD in Spirituality, Doctor of Ministry, Master of Divinity, and Master of Arts degrees in Pastoral Ministry, Theology and Spirituality.

Four two-year certificate programs, the Lay Ministry Institute and *Instituto de Formación Pastoral/Pastoral Formation Institute*, offer solid theological study and formation for parish ministers. The ACTS Spiritual Companion Formation Program addresses the need in ACTS communities for trained spiritual companions. *Espiritualidad y Dirección Espiritual* is designed to provide intense study of the great spiritual traditions, encourage appreciation for Hispanic spirituality, and form spiritual directors.

Continuing education programs bring in renowned speakers on topics of interest to a wide audience.

The Institute for the Study of Contemporary Spirituality (ISCS) at Oblate School of Theology is the

only concentrated, integrative program of its kind in the United States offering ATS accredited PhD, DMin, and MA degrees in Contemporary Spirituality.

The Sankofa Institute for African American Pastoral Leadership develops and supports pastoral leaders of all races and backgrounds for the African American Christian community.

Oblate Renewal Center offers spiritual direction and hosts retreats, meetings, conferences, and events.

Whitley Theological Center, has state-of-the-art internet educational and conferencing capabilities, ample classroom, auditorium space and parking for events, conferences, and meetings.

Ministry to Ministers four-month sabbatical program provides spiritual refreshment for seasoned ministers.

Forest Dwelling: Spirituality for Our Wisdom Years is designed for mature adults who desire to mindfully embrace the challenges and opportunities of aging and diminishment by accessing the deep wisdom embedded in the world's great mystical and contemplative traditions.

For more information, including details about financial aid, call the registrar at (210) 341-1366 or visit www.ost.edu.



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Inspired by the charism of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, Oblate School of Theology Educates, Forms, and Renews Men and Women to "preach the Gospel to the most abandoned."

DEGREES

- » Ph.D in Spirituality
- » Doctor of Ministry
- » Master of Divinity
- » Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry
- » Master of Arts in Spirituality (available online)
- » Master of Arts in Theology

PROGRAMS

- » ACTS Spiritual Companion Formation
- » Magis Ignatian Spiritual Director Training
- » Ministry to Ministers Sabbatical Program
- » Certificate in Missionary Oblate Studies
- » Lay Ministry Institute
- » Pastoral Formation Institute
- » Forest Dwelling Program
- » Institute for the Study of Contemporary Spirituality
- » Sankofa Institute for African American Pastoral Leadership

PROGRAMAS EN ESPAÑOL

- » Instituto de Formación Pastoral
- » Maestría de Arte en Ministerio Pastoral
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- » Certificate en Escritura Sagrada



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St. Mary's University

Defining academic excellence


Founded in 1852, St. Mary's University is the state's oldest Catholic University and San Antonio's first institution of higher education. St. Mary's is a place where learning thrives. Students experience a nurturing community rooted in Marianist values combined with quality academic programs guided by faculty experts that prepare them to become ethical leaders with the skills and inspiration to make a difference in the world.

enhance their educational experience through undergraduate research, community service, internships and study abroad.

St. Mary's offers undergraduate studies in humanities, sciences and business with options to pursue graduate, doctoral and law degrees. Popular areas of study include Biology, Psychology and Political Science as well as pre-professional programs in medicine, nursing, dentistry, pharmacy, allied health and more. Graduate certificate programs are also available in International Relations, Cybersecurity, and Business Intelligence.

St. Mary's is the first university in San Antonio to sponsor a varsity esports program, which is the Rattlers' 12th intercollegiate sport. St. Mary's Athletics will launch the new esports program this fall, offering students the exciting opportunity to compete in one of the world's fastest-growing industries – competitive computer gaming. Rattler Athletics holds six national titles and is home to The Park at St. Mary's – an impressive multi-use sports and recreational complex capable of hosting NCAA tournaments and championships.

For more information about the opportunities at St. Mary's University, visit stmarytx.edu.

My Defining Moment

"St. Mary's nurtured and brought out the best in me. It has given me the courage to say 'Yes' to whatever God calls me to do."

– José Tapia Villaseñor, Class of 2019

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"...walking with other people and helping them grow their faith!"

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