



# MISSION

## CARDINAL NEWMAN SOCIETY

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### CNS Teaches Students 'Thrill' of Chastity

With the hiring of popular author and chastity advocate Dawn Eden as director of the new Love and Responsibility Program, the Cardinal Newman Society is prepared to deliver the Church's message of chastity to Catholic college students this fall.

Conceived last year by CNS Executive Vice President Tom Mead, the Love and Responsibility Program addresses many CNS concerns about Catholic higher education—including theological dissent from *Humanae Vitae*, pro-abortion advocacy, homosexual activism, and performances of *The Vagina Monologues*—with a positive program seeking to restore an assumption of chastity on U.S. Catholic campuses.

This summer the program took a giant leap forward under Eden's direction. Not only has she planned and developed several important new projects for the fall semester, but widespread acclaim for her book, *The Thrill of the Chaste: Finding Fulfillment*

*While Keeping Your Clothes On*, has brought significant attention to the program.

The book is now in its fifth printing, having tugged on the heartstrings of young adults with its account of Eden's conversion from promiscuity to chastity. Reviewers have described Eden as a woman following in St. Augustine's footsteps, "fearless" and a "persuasive witness" and "more prepared than most people not just for marriage, but for life."

She is not the typical Catholic chastity advocate. Raised a reform Jew by divorced parents, Eden was one of the nation's leading rock journalists for publications such as *Salon* and the *New York Press*. A musician whom she was interviewing led her to G.K. Chesterton, whose writings prompted her conversion to Christianity and later the Catholic Church.

Eden turned to mainstream journalism as a deputy news editor for the *New York*



*Post* and the *New York Daily News*. She was fired from the *Post* for editing an article on *in vitro* fertilization to acknowledge the humanity of discarded embryos.

Eden's Internet blog, The Dawn Patrol, has fans nationwide and has featured invest-  
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### CNS Brings 'Eucharistic Miracles' to College Campuses

The Cardinal Newman Society is thrilled to be working with the Real Presence Association as the official national coordinator for displays of the Vatican International Exhibition *The Eucharistic Miracles of the World* on college campuses.

The exhibition consists of photographs and historical descriptions of 126 of the principal Eucharistic miracles that have been recognized by the Church, and is comprised of 140 plasticized panels or posters which are made to be hung on nearly any surface or displayed on tables.

The Real Presence Association was founded by legendary theologian and professor, Father John Hardon, S.J., to

promote Eucharistic adoration.

Archbishop Raymond Burke of St. Louis, spiritual director for the Real Presence Association, said, "The miracles presented in the Vatican International Exhibit, like all miracles, are gifts from God 'to witness to some truth or to testify to someone's sanctity'"—quoting from Father Hardon's *Modern Catholic Dictionary*.

"It should not surprise us that God has granted so many miracles to deepen our knowledge and love of His greatest gift to us, the gift of the Body and Blood of His only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, as the Heavenly Food of our earthly pilgrimage

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### Coming in October!

*The Newman Guide to Choosing a Catholic College: What to Look For and Where to Find It*



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## President's Corner

The Cardinal Newman Society is blessed with a wonderful staff: not only is it growing in size, but it includes highly experienced and dedicated employees who could be working anywhere—for much more than a nonprofit salary.

This summer alone, we added three key staff members and expanded into a larger office. Author of the popular book, *Thrill of the Chaste*, Dawn Eden has already proven herself an outstanding public speaker and excellent director of our Love and Responsibility Program. CNS has long decried the sins against chastity on Catholic college campuses; now Dawn is bringing the Church's message to those who will hear it.

Timothy Post is our new Director of Development. Prior to serving as a major gifts officer at the Franciscan University of Steubenville, Tim was a leading recruiter for the University of Phoenix and served his country in the U.S. Air Force. With a personal commitment to tithing and respect for the generosity of donors, Tim is essential to our planned growth over the next few years.

Adam Wilson, a frequent summer intern at CNS while studying at Christendom College, has graduated and joined the CNS staff full-time. He is pulled in two directions, assisting me with CNS programs and planning, and supporting Tim in the development office. Thanks be to God that Adam has both the intelligence and the patience to handle his tasks superbly.

## People Power

Person-for-person, CNS accomplishes at least as much as the best Catholic apostolate, and you can thank our staff for that. Our work does not require many expenses for materials or supplies, but we do rely heavily on employees. Your financial support enables an overqualified CNS staff to forge ahead while modestly supporting their families. Thank you!



Patrick J. Reilly  
Founder & President  
Cardinal Newman Society

Regrettably, we have decided not to proceed with the November 1 banquet celebrating *The Newman Guide to Choosing a Catholic College*, as we announced in the last *MISSION*. Our small staff is already stretched too thin, and we cannot afford both a major banquet and then a significant presence at the U.S. bishops' annual meeting in Baltimore two weeks later. Our focus remains on promoting the *Guide* to Catholic families nationwide, and I know you will be glad that we did! 🙏

Patrick J. Reilly

## CNS Recommends

Articles by both CNS President Patrick Reilly and Love & Responsibility Director Dawn Eden are featured on [www.INSIDE-Catholic.com](http://www.INSIDE-Catholic.com), a Catholic news and discussion website replacing the print edition of *Crisis* magazine. Eden's article offers the top 10 reasons to remain chaste, while Reilly advises Catholic families on how to identify a faithful Catholic college. Reilly also will be writing a monthly column for the website on Catholic education issues.

Eden will speak on "The Thrill of the Chaste" at a breakfast lecture for Women for the Third Millennium on Saturday, September 15, in Dallas, Texas. Women are invited to attend. For details, see [www.Women-ThirdMillenium.org](http://www.Women-ThirdMillenium.org).

Eden will lecture at the University of California-Berkeley on Wednesday, September 18, at 7 p.m. for the Lepanto League and the St. Anthony of Padua Institute, which is planning a new Catholic college in the San Francisco area. For details, see [www.stanthonypaduainstitute.org](http://www.stanthonypaduainstitute.org).

Eden will be a guest on the EWTN television show "Life on the Rock" on Thursday, September 27, at 8 p.m. Encore presentations will air on Friday, September 28, at 1 a.m. and 1 p.m. and on Sunday, September 30, at 11 p.m. In September, Eden will also tape an episode of the EWTN show "Faith & Culture" with Colleen Carroll Campbell. Check EWTN listings for show times.

CNS President Patrick Reilly will discuss *The Newman Guide to Choosing a Catholic College* with Father Benedict Groeschel, C.F.R., on his EWTN television show, "Sunday Night Live," on Sunday, November 4, at 7 p.m. Encore presentations will air on Monday, November 5, at 2 a.m. and 9 a.m. and on Saturday, November 10, at 5 p.m.

Reilly will address the Joint Parish Respect Life Committee in Queens, New York, the afternoon of Sunday, November 4. For details call (718) 939-6646. 🙏



## NEEDED: Catholic paintings & books

CNS has expanded its office space. Please consider donating Catholic artwork, or Catholic books (especially by/about John Henry Newman or Catholic education) for our library. CNS cannot accept shipping charges.

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THE *NEWMAN* GUIDE TO

# CHOOSING A CATHOLIC COLLEGE

WHAT TO LOOK FOR AND WHERE TO FIND IT



*foreword by* FATHER BENEDICT GROESCHEL, C.F.R.  
*with essays by* ARCHBISHOP ELDEN CURTISS, PETER KREEFT,  
AND FATHER C. JOHN MCCLOSKEY III

# The Newman Guide to Choosing a Catholic College: What to Look For and Where to Find It

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### Joyfully Catholic

Christendom College	Front Royal, Virginia
College of Saint Thomas More	Fort Worth, Texas
Franciscan University of Steubenville	Steubenville, Ohio
Magdalen College	Warner, New Hampshire
Thomas Aquinas College	Santa Paula, California
University of Dallas	Irving, Texas
University of Saint Thomas	Houston, Texas

### Born from the Crisis

Ave Maria University	Ave Maria, Florida
Holy Apostles College and Seminary	Cromwell, Connecticut
John Paul the Great Catholic University	San Diego, California
Our Lady Seat of Wisdom Academy	Barry's Bay, Ontario, Canada
Southern Catholic College	Dawsonville, Georgia
Wyoming Catholic College	Lander, Wyoming

### Fighting the Tide

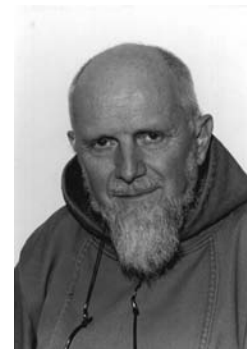
Aquinas College	Nashville, Tennessee
Belmont Abbey College	Belmont, North Carolina
Benedictine College	Atchison, Kansas
The Catholic University of America	Washington, D.C.
DeSales University	Center Valley, Pennsylvania
Mount St. Mary's University	Emmitsburg, Maryland
St. Gregory's University	Shawnee, Oklahoma
Thomas More College of Liberal Arts	Merrimack, New Hampshire

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**Colleges listed in *The Newman Guide* are genuinely Catholic, with an indication of those that are most loyal to the Catholic tradition. The colleges and universities mentioned vary considerably, but they have in common a serious attempt to teach the Catholic faith in an orthodox manner and to preserve a campus atmosphere that encourages good Christian life.**



*Father Benedict Groeschel, C.F.R.*  
From the Foreword to *The Newman Guide*

### **About *The Newman Guide to Choosing a Catholic College***

When Pope John Paul II issued *Ex corde Ecclesiae* in 1990, he called for Catholic colleges and universities to renew their commitments to the doctrinal teachings and intellectual traditions of the Church. The response has been slow, leaving many Catholic families bewildered as to where to find the best of Catholic education. There are in fact dozens of fine Catholic institutions of higher education in America—if one knows where, and how, to look for them.

*The Newman Guide to Choosing a Catholic College* is the first college guide to show students where they can learn and grow in a genuine Catholic environment without the nonsense that has overtaken even some of the most well-known Catholic universities. It includes detailed profiles of schools, essential data on each institution, and practical advice from eminent Catholic thinkers on how to approach the college decision process. It also tells prospective pupils where to look to find an array of unique and specialized programs.

Based on two years of extensive research and hundreds of interviews, and with complete fidelity to the heart of the Church, *The Newman Guide to Choosing a Catholic College* is an indispensable tool for students and parents looking to pursue a Catholic college education today.

In this first edition, we have chosen to identify 20 Catholic colleges in the United States—about 10 percent of the total—and one unique school in Canada where students can reasonably expect a faithful Catholic education and a campus culture that generally upholds the values taught in their homes and parishes. No such guide has ever been published, and the Cardinal Newman Society is uniquely qualified to provide the information and analysis entirely absent from typical college rankings and guides.

*The Newman Guide* will serve as a unique supplement to the traditional guides and promotional materials that are also an essential part of the college search process. Each profile highlights the college's mission, governance, spiritual life, curriculum, residential life and extracurricular programs. We provide information that we consider to be most useful in making a college selection for students and parents for whom Catholic identity is an important criterion.

*The Newman Guide to Choosing a Catholic College* will be published in late October 2007 by the Cardinal Newman Society and jointly marketed with the Intercollegiate Studies Institute, a leading publisher of college guides and other books.

## What People Are Saying About *The Newman Guide*\*

**Lynn E.**, I will have my debit card ready!

**Catherine L.**, I can't wait! This is SO needed!

**Daniel B.**, I've been awaiting just this! Long, long overdue. Thanks for putting it together.

**Diane F.**, I am grateful for this resource; and await it with much anticipation; my daughter will be attending college in Fall 08, and these matters are most important to us. Thank you.

**Mary G.**, As a DRE, this issue comes up frequently with my parents -- I look forward to having this resource handy for them! I would be interested in any early opportunities to obtain a copy for review... God bless all your work for His Church!

**Martin D.**, I teach at a Catholic college-prep high school and am possibly interested in using *The Newman Guide* as a textbook. At the very least, I would like to promote it.

**Carol B.**, We have a daughter who is a rising senior, so we are very eager to receive this book. Thank you!

**Father James.**, Thanks for producing this guide. As a high school theology teacher I'm asked questions about colleges and universities.

**Michael B.**, This is so critical in such a vulnerable period of our children's lives. Failure is not an option! May the Spirit of Truth bless your work.

**Lisa R.**, With my eldest daughter beginning high school in another year, we're very interested in this guidance.

\*Comments received through the Cardinal Newman Society website at [CardinalNewmanSociety.org](http://CardinalNewmanSociety.org).

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# NEWSFLASH


**The Thomas More College of Liberal Arts** in Merrimack, New Hampshire, has announced it is setting up two funds that should help remove an impediment to vocations. The Saint John Vianney Fund for Future Priests and The Saint Mother Katherine Drexel Fund for Future Nuns will absorb student loans accumulated by its graduates who are going into a seminary or convent. The College is one of the schools featured in the forthcoming *Newman Guide to Choosing a Catholic College*.

**A St. Peter's College priest and professor of humanities**, Rev. Raymond Schroth, S.J., in an August 5 article for the New Jersey *Star-Ledger*, repeats the claims of Voice of the Faithful in blaming "clericalism" and "structural issues" for the Church's recent sex-abuse scandals—which may forever "undermine its moral authority." Instead of decrying dissent and the general acceptance of sexual promiscuity, Schroth himself lambastes the moral teaching of Pope Paul VI's 1968 *Humanae Vitae* as compromising the Church's authority on sex and marriage.

**Despite the pro-abortion platform of several presidential candidates**, Saint Anselm College has again put prestige over principle in the important primary state of New Hampshire. In June the college's Sullivan Arena was the site of nationally televised debates for both the Democrat and Republican candidates. The college's Institute of Politics regularly invites political candidates to address students.

**Among the "25 Hottest Schools,"** according to the *Kaplan College Guide* and the August 20-27 issue of *Newsweek* magazine, are Georgetown University ("Hottest Inner-City School") and Fordham University ("Hottest Catholic School"). Glazing over Fordham's bruised moral track record, the *Kaplan College Guide* points to the school's "commitment" to morality, values and ethics. Georgetown is praised for its new campus in Qatar and pro-abortion professor Madeleine Albright.

**Praise for increased Eucharistic adoration among young Catholics** was the topic of Pope Benedict XVI's June Angelus address from Rome. He underlined the importance of silence and recollection that is needed in a busy world. The past decade has seen a revival of Eucharistic adoration, especially among the new generation. CNS has long promoted adoration and is promoting campus displays of the Vatican International Exhibition, "The Eucharistic Miracles of the World."

**An Islamic-Episcopalian theologian at a Jesuit university?** Seattle University theology professor Ann Holmes Redding is a priest of the Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island who has also claimed to be a practicing Muslim. Episcopal bishop Vincent Warner of Olympia, Washington, is excited that Redding's employment with the Jesuits will "provide an opportunity for Ann to continue to teach," after she was formally reprimanded and limited in faculties of ministry by her Rhode Island bishop. 

## Milestones for Three Newman Guide Colleges

The 2007-2008 academic year brings with it important milestones for three of the institutions recommended in *The Newman Guide to Choosing a Catholic College: What to Look for and Where to Find It*.

**Mount Saint Mary's University** in Emmitsburg, Maryland, launched its bicentennial celebration last month with a convocation and Mass as well as the dedication of a statue of its founder, Archbishop John Dubois, in the center of campus. The 14-month celebration will include a number of special events, including a symposium, concert, various dinners and a Bishops' Mass on November 11.

Founded in 1808, the Mount is the


second-oldest U.S. Catholic college. Its seminary, Mount Saint Mary's Seminary, has produced 48 Catholic bishops. More information on bicentennial events is located at [www.msmary.edu](http://www.msmary.edu).

A year-long celebration of **Christendom College's** 30th anniversary began in July with its Summer Institute featuring Father Benedict Groeschel, C.F.R., and former U.S. Senator Rick Santorum.

Archbishop Raymond Burke of St. Louis will celebrate a special Mass during the weekend of September 14-15, followed by a convocation honoring leaders in Catholic higher education including Warren Carroll, founding president of Christen-

dom; Father Michael Scanlan, T.O.R., chancellor of the Franciscan University of Steubenville; and Ronald MacArthur, founding president of Thomas Aquinas College.

Information on these and other events is available at [www.christendom.edu](http://www.christendom.edu).

**Ave Maria University** opened its long-awaited permanent campus in Ave Maria, Florida. The new campus, located outside of Naples, welcomed approximately 600 undergraduate and graduate students to their new home, which took several years and tens of millions of dollars to build. More information may be found at [www.ave-maria.edu](http://www.ave-maria.edu). 

## CNS Teaches Students 'Thrill' of Chastity

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tigative reports into Planned Parenthood.

But despite an exciting life full of achievements, Eden says her "dream job" is Director of the Love and Responsibility Project, helping young adult Catholics discover the joy of living chastely.

In just this first year, Eden has developed plans to:

- Speak on dozens of Catholic campuses about her book and the thrill of chastity—and recruit other leading experts to lecture on related themes including sexuality, marriage, the sanctity of life and same-sex attraction.
- Author a weekly "Body and Soul" column to be placed in Catholic campus newspapers, answering students' questions and concerns about sexuality, dating and relationships with reverence for Catholic teachings and a strong dose of matter-of-fact reality.
- Step up the CNS campaign against *The Vagina Monologues* by helping students provide alternative events—plays, lectures and the like—to acquaint students with God's plan for women and sexuality.
- Work with experts on Pope John Paul II's "Theology of the Body" to establish study groups for students on Catholic campuses. Also develop study groups to coincide with showings of the forthcoming film, *Trade*, about sex trafficking in the U.S.
- Help students establish pro-chastity clubs on Catholic campuses, while helping them get leadership training through the Virginia-based Leadership Institute.
- Collaborate with the Sisters of Life to train students in peer counseling for women with crisis pregnancies.
- Organize a panel of leading authors on chastity issues, tentatively planned at the Ethics and Public Policy Center in Washington, D.C., to make the case for transforming education and culture in support of chastity.


In addition to educational efforts, CNS recognizes that Catholic campuses need to

be transformed to encourage and support chaste lifestyles. This means a top-down review of campus policies, residence halls, counseling programs, campus ministry, lectures, student clubs and other influences on student behavior.

Eden is working with leading experts in student life, theology, medicine, psychology, social science data and other fields to begin work on a comprehensive plan for campus reform. In a couple years, CNS hopes to implement, monitor and document results of

the plan in cooperation with one or two Catholic colleges. Eventually we hope to roll out the program to other institutions.

Students, faculty, staff and others interested in working with Eden on one or more of the Love and Responsibility projects are encouraged to write to dawneden@cardinal-newmansociety.org or call (703) 367-0333 ext. 107.

For more of Eden's activities, see "CNS Recommends" on page 2. 

## CNS Brings 'Eucharistic Miracles' to College Campuses

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and the Medicine of eternal life," Archbishop Burke said.

CNS is working with student groups, campus ministers and Newman Centers to arrange the display of this impressive exhibition on campuses around the country. Although CNS typically only works with Catholic colleges and universities, on this project we are also working with Catholic students on secular campuses in order to promote the display as broadly as possible.

The new campaign and promotion of the *Eucharistic Miracles of the World* exhibition kicked off at the start of the

Fall semester. CNS provides schools with promotional material, posters, brochures, sample press releases and ad copy to help promote the exhibition.

The effort is an integral part of the Cardinal Newman Society's own Eucharistic Evangelization Ministry to help organize Eucharistic adoration on every Catholic campus in America. New efforts are underway to expand this important apostolate.

For more on the CNS campaign, visit our website. To learn more about the work of The Real Presence Association, visit [www.TheRealPresence.org](http://www.TheRealPresence.org). 

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