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"Here, then, I conceive, is the object of the Holy See and the Catholic Church in setting up Universities; it is to reunite things which were in the beginning joined together by God, and have been put asunder by man."

-Blessed Cardinal John Henry Newman

Dear colleagues,

We are excited to announce that the Catholic Studies program will begin in Spring 2020 at Carroll College. In this outstanding new program, students will encounter the liberating Truth of Christ and experience the richness and beauty of the Catholic intellectual, spiritual, moral, artistic, and cultural tradition. Through engagement with the teachings of the Catholic Church, they will explore God's gracious call to manifest His magisterial Truth, saintly Goodness, and sacramental Beauty in the world.

Abiding by that famous statement of St. Augustine that "he who believes but does not know has not yet found..." the program includes seven newly created Catholic Studies courses: Faith and Reason, Truth and Culture, Catholic Anthropology, Lives of the Saints, Grace and the Human Experience, and The Catholic Intellectual and Aesthetic Tradition. A senior seminar caps the program, fostering an integration of Catholic truths into the students' professional and vocational lives. Toward this goal, Catholic Studies majors will be strongly urged to choose a second major, for faith *needs* to inform our human enterprises, and our students need always to be "prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks ... for a reason for the hope" in them (I Peter 3:15).

The program has been developed and will be guided by Carroll faculty from the Theology and Philosophy departments with the Lord's words to St. Peter in mind: "*Duc et altum*," ("Go out into the deep"). Pope St. John Paul II encouraged us to leave the shores of a superficial experience of the faith to enter into the adventure of deep and transformative discipleship, one marked by faith and reason elevated through grace.

An outline of the program in full can be found at www.carroll.edu/catholicstudies. Please help us to spread the word about this new program to those who might be interested.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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