Many Good Choices for Catholic Education

“CHRISTENDOM IS DOING A GREAT WORK FOR THE CHURCH.” – POPE ST. JOHN PAUL II
Importance of Choosing a Catholic College

- Catholicism #1 Religion
- Former Catholics #2 Religion
- It’s Very Easy to Leave
- ONLY 7% of Millenials (1981-1996) still Catholic
- College Helps Strengthen or Weaken the Faith
- “Newman Guide” can Help
What’s on the Menu?

• Each “Newman Guide” college is different
• Before you can choose a restaurant, you need to see if they have **WHAT YOU WANT** on their menu.
• Same with a college. Make a list of what you want & what you don’t want in a college experience.
Fast food joints – all the same, right? WRONG!
Three Types of Newman Colleges - Small

- <400 Students
- One major/All core
- Seminar/Socratic Method
- Good student life policies
- Few extra-curricular activities
- No Athletic Teams
- Good Catholic community
- Faithful to Magisterium
- Lots of homeschooled students
- Very high percentage of Catholics
- Traditional Liturgies
Small Newman Guide Colleges

Thomas Aquinas College (East/West) (439)
Wyoming Catholic College (185)
Thomas More College of Liberal Arts (88)
*Magdalen College of the Liberal Arts (85) – they do have more than one major, but otherwise, the same
Three Types of Newman Colleges - Large

- 1000-4000 Students
- Many majors/Small core
- Fewer student life policies/more lenient
- Many extra-curricular activities
- NCAA or other Athletic Teams

- Abroad programs
- Faithful to Magisterium in theology department
- Fewer Catholic & homeschooled students
- Non-Catholic Professors
- Less traditional liturgies/guitar Masses
Large Newman Guide Colleges

University of Dallas
Belmont Abbey College
Benedictine College
Franciscan University
Ave Maria University
Catholic University
Three Types of Newman Colleges – Christendom

- 500 Students
- Some Majors (7) with extensive core curriculum – all liberal arts
- Scholastic method of education
- Many extra-curricular activities
- Abroad programs
- Traditional student life policies

- Intercollegiate Athletic Teams & Intramurals
- Faithful to Magisterium in ALL departments
- Highest percentage of Catholic students
- Traditional liturgical offerings
- All Professors are Catholic
Great Books VS Scholastic Method

Socrates (470 BC – 399 BC)  

Jesus (0 BC – AD 33)
Education Methods

University of Bologna - 1088

Mortimor Adler & Great Books Program - 1920
Education Methods

Great Books Classroom

Scholastic Method Classroom
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<td>• Read books in seminar format</td>
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<td>• Focus on books, rather than on bigger topics – with no history</td>
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<td>• Mostly discussion – sometimes loud mouths take over….</td>
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<td>• Outside sources not allowed to influence education – just the books</td>
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<td>• Get through less information</td>
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Christendom’s Menu

- Teach the time-tested liberal arts
- From a Catholic worldview
- In an authentic Catholic cultural environment on a humane scale
- For the purpose of restoring the culture and making it more Christocentric
What is Christendom? Why the Name?

The mission of forming a revitalized laity and clergy to contribute to the building of a Christian society – to the re-Christianizing of the temporal order – gives Christendom College its name.

“Christendom” was that time in history when Catholicism affected all aspects of life – political, religious, social, moral, and academic – all under the reign of Christ the King.
What is Christendom? Why the Name?

In short, alumni are to bring their experiences of studying, praying, socializing, recreating, and living in a Catholic culture to the world and help create other “mini-Christendoms,” where all aspects of the culture are experienced and viewed through the Christo-centric worldview.
# Christendom’s Core Curriculum - Truth

## Majors
- History
- Philosophy
- Theology
- Literature
- Classics
- Math
- Political Science

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Full-Time Faculty – All Catholic/Take Oath
MAIN GOAL

- Receive a deeply Catholic education
- Be immersed in the traditions of the Faith
- Live a virtuous life
- Build great friendships
- Gain the communication tools necessary
- Graduate and go out in the world, take on the secular society, and stand for the Truth as a faithful, articulate, committed Roman Catholic – a RARITY today!!!