

STATE OF CATHOLIC



# CAMPUSMINISTRY

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REPORT



# FAITH ON CAMPUS



WHERE YOUNG CATHOLICS CAN THRIVE



Where are today's college students encountering Christ? How many students are there, and what is the breadth of Catholic campus ministry?

These questions and others motivated us to produce the State of Catholic Campus Ministry Report for 2017. Providing a snapshot of where today's young Catholics are and how they are being engaged in the life of the Church, the report is our reminder of the call to build more effective models of campus ministry (*Empowered by the Spirit*; 1985, USCCB).

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**3,011:** # of Degree Granting Institutions (4 yr)\*



**701** Public \*  
**2310** Private  
**853** Religious  
(210 Roman Catholic)



**100** Historically Black Colleges & Universities\*



**1,132** Community Colleges \*



**20M:** Projected # of College Students Enrolled in 2 or 4 Year Undergraduate Programs \*



**17M:** Projected # of Undergraduate Students\*



**3M:** Projected # of Graduate Students \*



**3M:** Projected # of Undergraduate Catholics Enrolled in Non-Catholic Colleges & Universities

(HERI Institute/CIRP 2015)



**900,000:** Projected # of Students Enrolled in Catholic Colleges & Universities

(Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities)



*\*Information gathered from the National Center for Education Statistics, Academic Year 2014-2015.*

"It is crucial that these emerging leaders of Church and society be exposed to the best of our Catholic tradition and encounter dedicated leaders who will share their journey of faith with them."

**Empowered by the Spirit, 1985**



# Ministry Partners



**1,911:** # of Catholic campus ministers (professional & missionary)



**700:** # of campus missionaries



**816:** # of Campuses with a Catholic Campus Ministry Presence



**135:** # of Campuses Served by FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students)



**63:** # of Campuses Served by Evangelical Catholic



**33:** # of Campuses Served by Saint Paul's Outreach

"We are convinced that this ministry is vitally important for the future of Church and society."

Empowered by the Spirit, 1985



## What's Next?

As the National Study of Catholic Campus Ministry (by the Secretariat for Catholic Education, USCCB) concludes and is analyzed, we anticipate new moments of dialogue in order to expand Catholic campus ministry to even more campuses.

**Early indicators from the National Study reveal that Catholic campus ministry has declined in the last 12 years in terms of the number of campuses served.**

**This is a reason for concern and immediate response.**

We believe that the solutions include significant commitment from Dioceses (and religious communities) as well as an enhanced level of collaboration between professional campus ministers and campus missionaries. A recommitment to evangelization and missionary discipleship is necessary in order to focus efforts, streamline resources and achieve maximum fruitfulness for Christ and the Church.



Catholic campus ministry can identify and equip the next generation of Catholic leaders.

### **The State of Catholic Campus Ministry Report | 2017**

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