

Abstract Proposal
Joy in the Truth:
The Catholic University in the New Millennium

Session Name: “The Active Embrace of Ex Corde Ecclesiae: The Case Study of a Small Liberal Arts University”

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Abstract

Benedictine University, like other Catholic Colleges and Universities, has been actively involved in finding the right approach to operationalize ideas, values and expectations set forth in Ex Corde Ecclesiae. We believe we have been initially successful in embracing values in the encyclical and in building community support to enhance Catholic culture and identity at the University.

Our panel will bring together scholars and administrators from various departments and schools at Benedictine University, to discuss:

- Organizational variables associated with our initial attempts to successfully institutionalize expectations set forth in this encyclical.
- How our faculty and administration have worked cooperatively to enhance values, processes and ideals in Ex Corde;
- How the dialogue between faith and reason is being approached at Benedictine University;
- Ongoing challenges associated with the embrace of Ex Corde Ecclesiae expectations;
- What we have learned and how might our lessons and experiences be applied in similar settings.

This panel will offer conference participants the chance to discuss a case study approach at a small Catholic and Benedictine Liberal Arts University. Participants will speak from various disciplinary and administrative perspectives to address issues set forth above.