



### **Beirne Director of the Center for Catholic Studies**

St. Mary's University seeks to appoint the inaugural Beirne Director of The Center for Catholic Studies at St. Mary's University, beginning August of 2018. The Center for Catholic Studies at St. Mary's University has both strong support and an ambitious mission to encourage faculty, staff, and students to explore the Catholic Intellectual Tradition and its impact on knowledge, culture, and faith. The Beirne Director is an endowed position, and the Director will be tenure-track or tenured in the appropriate discipline and department. The applicant need not be a specialist in theology or philosophy but must have experience and demonstrated skill in facilitating interaction between the Catholic Intellectual Tradition and other academic disciplines. Applicants from diverse academic fields are encouraged to apply.

The Director will lead the Center in developing campus cross-curricular conversations and programs as well as scholarly activities and publications about the Catholic Intellectual Tradition. The successful candidate will also be expected to promote the study of the Catholic Intellectual Tradition in the greater community through external programming. An earned doctorate is required as is a strong record of scholarly engagement, including academic contributions to the exploration of the Catholic Intellectual Tradition.

The Director will work with various university constituencies, including other recently endowed Chairs in Human Dignity, Catholic Philosophy, and Catholic Leadership, to support existing programs that integrate the Marianist heritage of the university and the mission of the Center, including academic activities that explore the future of the Church in the Southwestern United States. The successful candidate will share an appreciation of the university's significant Catholic Mexican American student body as well as San Antonio's unique role in the development of the idea of Hispanic Catholicism in the United States. Roman Catholic applicants are preferred, but qualified non-Catholic applicants will be considered. Strong leadership and interpersonal skills, as well as administrative experience and a willingness to engage in advancement and fundraising, are required. This is a 12-month position; the Beirne Director will report to the Provost and teach one course each semester.

To begin the application process, or to recommend a potential applicant, please contact the chair of the search committee, Professor David Grenardo, via email at [dgrenardo@stmarytx.edu](mailto:dgrenardo@stmarytx.edu) with the subject line "Director of The Center for Catholic Studies." Candidates should provide a curriculum vitae, cover letter and references. A review of prospective candidates will begin immediately, and will continue until the position is filled. Information about the Marianist mission of St. Mary's University and the goals of The Center for Catholic Studies at St. Mary's University will be made available to prospective qualified applicants.

Founded in 1852 by the Society of Mary (the Marianists), St. Mary's is a comprehensive Catholic and Marianist university with a strong tradition of integrating liberal arts with professional studies. St. Mary's is the oldest Catholic university in the Southwest. For further information about St. Mary's University and its Marianist heritage, please visit the University's web page, [www.stmarytx.edu](http://www.stmarytx.edu).

St. Mary's University especially encourages applications from women, Hispanic, and other minority candidates. Any offer of employment will be contingent upon successful completion of a clear background check. AA/EOE.