

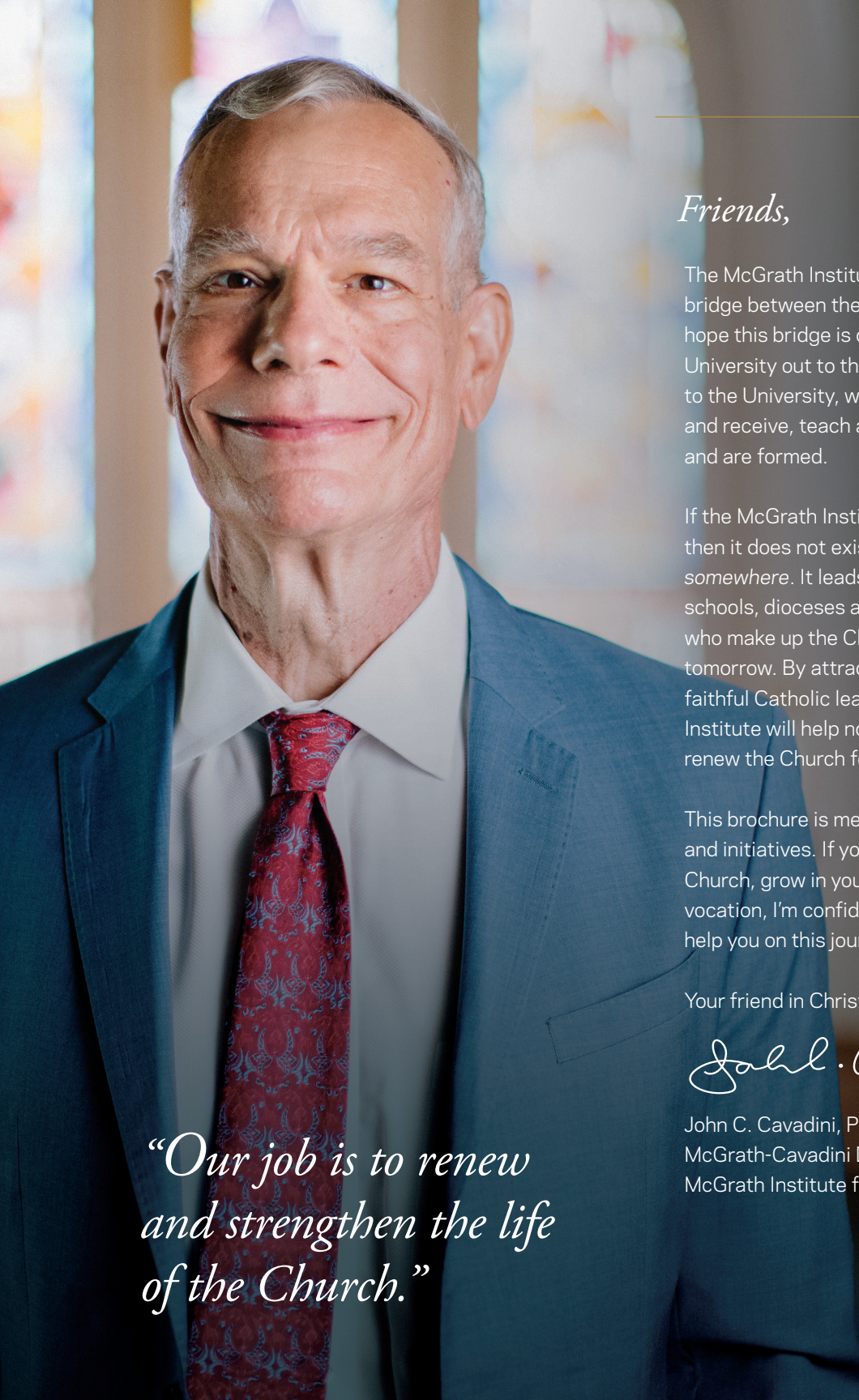


*Where*  
**HIGHER  
LEARNING**

*meets*

**FAITHFUL  
SERVICE.**





## *Friends,*

The McGrath Institute for Church Life is a kind of living bridge between the University and the Church. We hope this bridge is one with two-way traffic, from the University out to the Church, and from the Church back to the University, where both partners, as it were, give and receive, teach and learn, listen and speak, form and are formed.

If the McGrath Institute for Church Life is a bridge, then it does not exist for its own sake, but it goes *somewhere*. It leads to and flows out of the parishes, schools, dioceses and very lives of the many Christians who make up the Church today and shape it for tomorrow. By attracting, educating, and forming faithful Catholic leaders, we hope that the McGrath Institute will help nourish the Catholic imagination and renew the Church for generations to come.

This brochure is meant as an overview of our programs and initiatives. If you desire to become a leader in the Church, grow in your faith, or mature in your Christian vocation, I'm confident that the McGrath Institute can help you on this journey.

Your friend in Christ,

*John C. Cavadini*

John C. Cavadini, Ph.D.  
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*“Our job is to renew  
and strengthen the life  
of the Church.”*

# *Our Mission*

The McGrath Institute for Church Life bridges the Catholic intellectual life and the life of the Church in order to form and empower faithful Catholic leaders for service to the Church and thereby the world. In collaboration with our ecclesial partners, we propose and enact a renewed vision of Church life through scholarship, pastoral expertise, and teaching to discern and address the needs of the Church.



## Welcome to the McGrath Institute for Church Life

The McGrath Institute for Church Life is an academic department within the University of Notre Dame that serves the wider Catholic Church through the development of faithful Catholic leaders.

Now more than ever, our Church thirsts for innovative thinkers who are deeply committed to the faith and their calling, to continued learning, and to bringing Jesus' message to the world.

Through a focus on teaching, scholarship, and pastoral expertise, the faculty and staff of the McGrath Institute use their talents and knowledge to serve as a living bridge between the university and the Church, creating high-quality leaders of character for all levels of leadership.

### *Thanks to our Benefactors*

We are grateful to our Advisory Council, whose time, talent, and expertise enrich and guide our programming. In addition, we thank the John Templeton Foundation, Lilly Endowment Inc., and Porticus for their ongoing support.

# BRIDGING *the* CHURCH *and* UNIVERSITY



McGRATH INSTITUTE FOR CHURCH LIFE

## Echo Graduate Service Program

### Forming Lay Leaders for Service to the Church

Echo students receive a tuition-free M.A. in Theology from the University of Notre Dame, while living in an intentional faith community, and participating in mentored service in schools or parishes in Echo partner dioceses across the U.S. and in Ireland. Echo students benefit from a robust formation curriculum that integrates their work, study, and life of faith, in order to serve the Church and explore a vocation in ministry.

## Notre Dame Office of Life and Human Dignity

### Shaping the Next Generation of Pro-life Leaders

The Notre Dame Office of Life and Human Dignity provides formation and resources for both educators and pastoral ministers so that they may lead their communities in upholding the sanctity of all life while also engaging with the complex realities of our world.

## Online Courses

### Diving Deeper into the Faith

STEP online theology courses share the University's world-class theological scholarship with Catholic dioceses, parishes, and ministers. These courses create communities of faithful learners who seek to deepen their faith with a rigorous, faithful, and joyful approach to studying Catholic theology and pastoral practice.

### Teología en Línea en Español

Los cursos en español del Programa Camino apoyan la formación de adultos y liderazgo pastoral. Al reunirse con otros líderes ministeriales, podrá profundizar su conocimiento de la teología católica y fortalecer su compromiso de servicio, estudiando y compartiendo en comunidad.

## Notre Dame Vision for High School Students and Campus / Youth Ministers

### A Summer Conference to Explore Your Story

Vision conferences offer high school students and campus and youth ministers (CYM) the opportunity to immerse themselves in the prayer, relationships, and campus life of Notre Dame. CYM sessions combine theological exploration and personal renewal to invigorate participants' ministry to young people.

With the rich insights of nationally-known speakers and the mentorship of college students, Notre Dame Vision gives high school students the experience of reflecting on their own story, Jesus' story, and how God is calling them to be Christ for others.

## Science & Religion Initiative

### Integrating Faith and Science at Catholic High Schools Nationwide

As STEM education helps Catholic schools to achieve new levels of scientific literacy and competence, opportunities arise for showing how faith can inform science and offer it a wider horizon, addressing the "Big Questions" about God, the universe, and the human person. To meet this need, the Science & Religion Initiative equips educators to effectively communicate the complementarity of faith and reason across the scientific disciplines and beyond.

## Fiat Program on Faith and Mental Health Responding to Today's Mental Health Crisis

The Fiat Program supports the Church in embracing its call to accompany those living with serious mental health challenges and their loved ones. The Fiat Program assists dioceses, parishes, and communities in fostering a culture of communion where everyone can experience the grace of Christian friendship and the sacramental life.

## Church Life Journal

### A Digital Journal of Theology, Philosophy, and Culture

*Church Life Journal* is a digital publication that deepens the faith of all members of the Church while serving as a place where Catholic leaders can think through the intellectual and pastoral problems of our day. It focuses on first principles grounded in themes related to the flourishing of Church Life: catechesis and formation, the arts, liturgy, science and religion, pro-life culture and human dignity, Catholic education, and technology.

## Church Life Today Podcast

### Conversations with Scholars and Leaders

Available on OSV Podcasts, *Church Life Today* features experts on timely and relevant subjects affecting the Church. Both upbeat and informative, *Church Life Today* has listeners across the United States and countries around the world.

## Saturdays with the Saints

### A Game-day Tradition

Saturdays with the Saints has established itself as a popular Notre Dame football pregame ritual that combines the University's rich traditions of Catholic faith and spirited game days. Faculty from the McGrath Institute for Church Life and Notre Dame's Department of Theology deliver dynamic lectures on saints chosen for their uncommon virtue and their willingness to let their faith stand in contradiction to the wisdom of the world.

## Holy Family Initiative for Family Catechesis

### Guiding Hispanic Families Toward a Faithful Catholic Life

Embracing the diverse spiritual needs and complex realities of multi-generational Hispanic communities in the United States, these training sessions offer new methods to overcome existing challenges in passing on the Catholic faith between immigrant parents and first- and second-generation Hispanics born in the United States.

## Eucharistic Culture Project

### Building Eucharistic Cultures and Forming Leaders

The Eucharistic Culture Project is an initiative of the Notre Dame Center for Liturgy that addresses major pastoral issues of the Church by forming and educating a cohort of leaders from parishes, dioceses, schools, and apostolates. We believe that we can create a culture infused with Christ's self-giving love by grounding the Church's preaching, teaching, prayer, and service in the Eucharistic mystery.

## Contours of Wonder

### Childhood and the Liturgical Imagination

Contours of Wonder is a three-year research and pastoral initiative of the Notre Dame Center for Liturgy that seeks to promote the liturgical participation of the young child in the Church today. We believe that by attending to the liturgical formation of the young child, we can renew liturgical formation for all Catholics in a technocratic age.

## Savoring the Mystery

### Catholic Preaching in an Age of Disaffiliation

Savoring the Mystery is a three-year initiative of the Notre Dame Center for Liturgy that helps Catholic clergy to better preach the mystery of Jesus Christ in Scripture, and the lay faithful to proclaim that mystery in the world. We believe that we can revitalize Catholic preaching, both liturgical and non-liturgical, by fostering a love of Scripture and of the Church's homiletic traditions.

## Bishop John M. D'Arcy Program in Priestly Renewal

### Spiritual Renewal for Diocesan Priests

The Bishop John M. D'Arcy Program in Priestly Renewal online video series provides an experience of intellectual and spiritual renewal for diocesan priests across the United States to help them continue their formation.

## Strong Foundations for Catholic Leaders

### Guiding the Next Generation of Catholic Leaders

Strong Foundations supports young lay leaders to enhance their service to the Church through professional and pastoral development, financial and career planning, personal support, networking, and the ongoing accompaniment of a mentor-minister.

## Young Adult Innovation Hub

### Empowering Young Hispanic Leaders

A partnership with Chicago-based Iskali, an organization that empowers and equips young Hispanics with high-quality faith formation, this program creates cultures of affiliation at the parish level, addressing the particular needs of first-, second-, and third-generation Hispanics in the United States.

## Catechist Academy

### Young Adults Handing on the Faith to Future Generations

The Catechist Academy places Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross students in parishes across the South Bend/Mishawaka community. Participants spend time each week as catechists leading students from preschool to confirmation age into a deeper understanding of, and relationship with, Jesus Christ.

## Take a Second Look

### Addressing Disaffiliation with Notre Dame Students

Developed for undergraduate students, this program persuasively encourages students to "take a second look" at the beauty and profundity of the Catholic faith that they thought they had left behind, outgrown, or had never considered. The goal is to accompany them through this time of sincere questioning and growth to a deeper understanding that will help them live out their faith over a lifetime.

To learn more about all that the McGrath Institute for Church Life has to offer, please scan this QR code or visit [mcgrath.nd.edu](https://mcgrath.nd.edu).



