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Saint Leo Continues Growth

Saint Leo University has announced a major purchase and unveiled significant new building projects at its University Campus in central Florida.

In early October, the university announced it had purchased 29 acres from its neighbor, the Benedictine Sisters of Florida, including the Holy Name Monastery, the building that serves as the Florida administrative headquarters and home of the Benedictine Sisters. The lakeside monastery is adjacent to the west end of the campus. Also included in the purchase is a parcel facing the monastery, not far from the front of the university entrance.

The religious community, with 16 members, will remain where it is for about two years while the sisters build a smaller and more suitable home on nearby acreage. The timetable gives university administration and trustees the opportunity to incorporate the new property into its University Campus master plan and determine its best use.

DePaul Hosts Catholic Research Symposium

On October 15–16, DePaul University hosted the Catholic Research Resources Alliance (CRRA) Symposium, titled “Nurturing the ‘Spirit of Perfect Charity’: Libraries and Archives at the Intersection of Service and Scholarship in Catholic Social Justice Studies.”

Founded in 2008, CRRA is a consortium of 35 institutions holding significant library or archival collections relevant to Catholic studies, including colleges, universities, seminaries, religious orders, and other Church offices. In addition to providing digital access to an increasingly robust collection of rare materials through its Catholic Portal program, CRRA supports collaboration among member institutions through joint programs and projects, including the symposium.

DePaul University President Dennis H. Holtschneider, C.M., welcomed almost 100 participants from institutions across the United States and abroad with his thoughts on the unique character of the Catholic commitment to social justice and the role of libraries and archives in promoting the work of those who study it. “Libraries and archives,” Fr. Holtschneider concluded, “enable scholars, enable voices to be heard, enable people to be moved.”

The 2012 CRRA Symposium focused on the study of social justice and the scholarly use of social action archives, including those held at DePaul University, Loyola University Chicago, and Marquette University. The event also included discussion of the CRRA’s Catholic Newspapers Project and the integration of special collections materials in undergraduate

education. DePaul’s Michael Baxter, visiting associate professor of Catholic studies, delivered the keynote address.

The 2012 Catholic Research Resources Alliance Symposium was co-sponsored by the DePaul University Library, the DePaul University Office of Mission and Values, and by CRRA. More information on [CRRA](#) is available on its website.

Saint Mary’s Students Launch App to Uplift Women

Two students at Saint Mary’s College in Indiana recently went high-tech to make a difference in the world, launching a mobile application called “Beautiful You” to offer women daily affirmations and encouragement.

“The app allows users to tap into their potential as women and empower them to be brave, confident beacons of hope in a world where women’s bodies are painfully scrutinized,” said Monica Murphy, a social work major. Murphy and Meghan Roder, a nursing major, came up with the app concept. They partnered with an Indiana State University student to bring it to life. The students hope the app will help women with their resolutions for 2013.

“We all struggle with some sort of challenge—whether it be professional, personal, physical, or emotional—and this can be a tool to help pick us up and give us the support and encouragement we need to face whatever we are facing with confidence and faith,” Roder said.

“As a social work major and a person of faith, I felt called to do a project that would speak truth, offer hope, and impact females on a broader level. ‘Beautiful You’ has encouragement, reflections, and challenges to inspire females from all walks of life and backgrounds,” Murphy added.

[Watch a video](#) about “Beautiful You.”



Students Meghan Roder and Monica Murphy

St. Thomas Aquinas President Honored

Margaret M. Fitzpatrick, S.C., Ed. D., president of St. Thomas Aquinas College, recently received the Award of Distinction from the Rockland (NY)

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