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Newman Guide Colleges Are Light in the Darkness

A light shines brightest in the darkness, and increasing numbers of Catholic families are choosing the faithful Catholic colleges recommended in The Cardinal Newman Society's *Newman Guide*! Most of these colleges are enjoying unprecedented enrollment numbers and financial support in the 2023-2024 academic year, and all are displaying the enormous impact that authentic Catholic education can have in the Church and in society.

The contrast is stark. Secular college enrollment in the United States continues to plunge, while *Newman Guide* colleges and universities are bursting with success.

- **Belmont Abbey College** welcomed its largest incoming class, marking a nearly 10% increase over the record class they experienced in the fall of 2022 and boasting its largest enrollment in a decade with 1,654 students.
- **Benedictine College** in Atchison, Kansas, has a record undergraduate class of 2,213. This marks a 121% growth for the college over the last 20 years.
- **The Catholic University of America** had the highest number of applications and deposits they have experienced in the last five years while welcoming a student body evenly split 50/50, male to female. This runs contrary to higher education statistics showing women make up roughly 60% of U.S. college students.
- **Christendom College** welcomed 172 new students to campus reaching its 550 total student body size cap.
- **The Franciscan University of Steubenville** welcomed 772 incoming freshmen, the largest class since its founding in 1946.
- **The University of Mary**, located in Bismarck, North Dakota, had the largest freshmen class in its history with 559.
- **The University of St. Thomas-Houston** had a record-breaking number of new incoming undergraduate students, eclipsing 800.
- **Thomas Aquinas College** reached capacity at its California campus, and in 2019, added a second campus in New England.
- **Wyoming Catholic College**, one of the youngest colleges appearing on *The Newman Guide*, launched in 2007, has experienced continual growth since its inception and is up to 189 students, reflecting a 72% increase over the last ten years.

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