

The Institute for Student Affairs at Catholic Colleges (ISACC) – July 24 – 28, 2004, The University of San Diego, San Diego, California. Approximately 133 people attended the conference from all over the United States.

Participants Attending from Saint Mary's College:

Dr. Linda Timm, Vice President for Student Affairs
Terri Johnson, Director, Office of Multicultural Affairs
Judy Fean, Director, Campus Ministry
Cathe DeCleene, Director, Health and Wellness Services
Dave Chapman, Director, Security
Jason Bailey, Assistant Director, Student Activities
Gregg Petcoff, Assistant Director, Sports Information Director, Swim Coach

Basic Outline of Institute:

Major Workshops:

Catholic Intellectual Tradition
Showing of video on Vatican II: Genius of the Heart
American Catholicism since Vatican II
Catholic Teaching on the Human Person and Sexual Ethics
Application: Current research on residence life policies
Catholic Social Teaching and Community Service
Saint Mary's Capstone Project to take back to Saint Mary's College – Catholic Social Teaching and the Division of Student Affairs (how does this impact everything that we do, our jobs, work with the students, programming and purpose for why we are here.
Reflection: Why does your institution offer community service opportunities – tool of learning, leadership development, team building, citizenship, civic responsibility? What type of service projects does your institution offer? What values about service do the projects communicate? Exploring the Social Justice tradition.

Seven Major Themes of Catholic Social Teaching:

1. Life and Dignity of the Human Person
2. Call to Family, Community, and Participation
3. Rights and Responsibilities (Every person has a fundamental right to life and a right to those things required for human decency).
4. Option for the Poor and Vulnerable (Put the needs of the poor and vulnerable first)
5. The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers
6. Solidarity
7. Care for God's Creation

Plans for sharing on campus:

1. Workshops, Presentations, and discussions about Catholic Social Teaching for the Division of Student Affairs through monthly division meetings for the 2004 – 2005 Academic year. This will be done by bringing in speakers, small and large group discussions in the division and also through collaborations with the Division for Mission. The first meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 9th to bring the group together for the beginning of the academic year and to plan accordingly. The Division will also discuss programming and diversity initiatives throughout the entire division.
2. Collaborate with Sr. Kathleen Dolphin and the Division for Mission on the 40th anniversary of the closing of Vatican II and its intercultural changes. At the Institute a video was shown on Vatican II - Genius of the Heart which was very informative in explaining the changes which occurred structurally and Interculturally in the Catholic Church.
3. Working jointly with the COLT on Human Sexuality (Members from Student Affairs include – Michelle Russell, Director of Residence Life, Cathe DeCleene, Director of Health and Wellness and Marie Willis, Assistant Director of the Office of Multicultural Affairs.

