

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

You may have heard talk about "Rosary College" and wondered what is going on. Rosary College is a new lay-led initiative in the Upstate. It is a two-year Catholic institution leading to an associate degree in Catholic Studies. I've asked OLR parishioner, Dr. Michael Shick, to introduce the college through the pastor's letter.

Fr. Longenecker

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings from Rosary College! On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I am pleased to tell you about our new lay-led two-year college. Beginning this fall, 2024, we will offer an associate degree in integrated humanities deeply rooted in the rich traditions of the Catholic faith.

In support of Father Longenecker's vision and along with other founding members, such as Professor Joseph Pearce and Dr. R. Jared Staudt, I am thrilled to say we are committed to providing an education that cultivates wisdom, nurtures faith, and prepares students to lead with integrity. Our curriculum spans a broad spectrum of the humanities, including literature, philosophy, theology, science, mathematics, and the arts, designed to inspire students to think critically in the pursuit of objective truth.

We are dedicated to offering an authentic, rigorous, and affordable education—from high school juniors and seniors to college-age learners and adult students. Whether seeking for-credit courses or the opportunity to audit, our college is a place for those who desire to deepen their understanding of the classical and Christian intellectual tradition.

Further, I am pleased to say that we have established agreements with Thomas More College of Liberal Arts and Ave Maria University, allowing for a seamless transfer of credits and ensuring that our students have opportunities to continue their education and spiritual formation.

We invite you to explore what Rosary College offers by visiting our website (www.rosary.college), attending informational events, or contacting our admissions office (admissions@rosary.college). Your involvement and support are essential as we work to enrich our students' intellectual and spiritual lives.

As Pope St. John Paul II stated, "Faith and reason are like two wings on which the human spirit rises to the contemplation of truth." With that, we look forward to welcoming our inaugural class and laying the foundations for a legacy of faith-based academic excellence based on the foundation of truth, beauty, and goodness, and in alignment with the Magisterium of the Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church.

In Christ,
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