# SAINT JOHN'S UNIVERSITY

## Overview

Saint John's University, founded in 1857 by Benedictine monks who came to serve the needs of German Catholic immigrants, is one of the oldest institutions of higher education in the Midwest. From its inception the university has valued the liberal arts as a preparation for careers of leadership in church and society.

Saint John's curriculum is taught by a distinguished faculty, with a diverse educational and religious background. Many members of the faculty excel in research and scholarship, in addition to their primary commitment to teaching.

In addition to the undergraduate program offered in cooperation with the College of Saint Benedict, the Saint John's School of Theology offers master's degrees in theology, pastoral ministry, liturgical studies and liturgical music. The faculty, composed of monks in partnership with lay men and women, diocesan and religious priests, women religious and ministers from other traditions, instructs a diverse student body of men and women, committed with the faculty to the search for God in Jesus Christ. The School of Theology operates in conjunction with the Saint John's Seminary which prepares men for priesthood in the Roman Catholic Church.

The Saint John's campus is remarkable in both its natural and architectural beauty. The greater campus, designated an arboretum in 1997, is located on a 2,830-acre tract of land. It includes an extensive pine and hardwood forest, an oak savannah and 50 acres of restored prairie, as well as Lake Sagatagan, Stumpf Lake, several smaller lakes and 90 acres of restored wetlands. The buildings at Saint John's date from the 1860s and are arranged in a series of quadrangles and courtyards to the north of Lake Sagatagan. At the center of the Saint John's campus is the Abbey and University Church, one of 10 campus buildings designed by Marcel Breuer. With its towering bell banner and three-story wall of stained glass, the church is among the most striking pieces of 20th-century architecture.

Saint John's University designs programs to meet the needs and aspirations of young men, emphasizing leadership and a personal development profile that includes intellectual, spiritual, emotional and physical development. Our values-based and value-added residential liberal arts education provides the framework for fulfilling lives of disciplined inquiry and leadership in careers devoted to the professions, public life and service to others. Saint John's students are active participants in varsity, intramural and club sports. Saint John's teams have excelled in intercollegiate athletics and, in recent years, have earned all-sports awards in the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) and have competed nationally in football, tennis, track and field, swimming and diving, cross-country, soccer, wrestling, baseball, golf, rugby, hockey and basketball.

## Saint John's University Mission and Vision

### Mission of Saint John's University College of Arts and Sciences

Grounded in Catholic and Benedictine values and tradition, Saint John's University provides young men a distinctive residential liberal arts education, preparing them to reach their full potential and instilling in them the values and aspiration to lead lives of significance and principled achievement.

### Vision for the College of Arts and Sciences

Saint John's University seeks to be one of the nation's great Catholic liberal arts colleges by providing the best holistic learning experience for men in the country.

We will inspire undergraduate men to new heights of intellectual, spiritual, physical and social development that is informed by ethical reflection and grounded in our Catholic and Benedictine tradition.

### Mission of the School of Theology - Seminary

*"Therefore, we intend to establish a school for the Lord's service." (Rule of Benedict Prologue 45)*

Rooted in the Catholic and Benedictine traditions of study, prayer, and communal life, Saint John's School of Theology and Seminary forms visionary leaders to serve the church and the world.

### Vision for the School of Theology - Seminary

As a community of faith and hope, we, the faculty, staff, and students of Saint John's School of Theology and Seminary, worship God and celebrate the life, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit.

As an academic community relying on the wisdom of the same Holy Spirit, we root ourselves in the Christian tradition, and interpret that legacy in light of the Roman Catholic and Benedictine heritage passed on to us by Saint John's Abbey with its rich theological, liturgical and ecumenical history.

We commit ourselves to academic, spiritual, pastoral, and professional formation so we might serve the Church in lay and ordained ministry and thus use our diverse gifts for the transformation of our world.

### Saint John's University Values

Dedicated to the pursuit of understanding, wisdom, and the common good, Saint John's University is committed to the following values:

- **Community** built upon relationships of hospitality, respect, cooperation, and challenge.
- **Openness** to learning, inquiry, beauty, truth, and difference.
- **Respect** for persons, tradition, creativity, experience, faith, reason, and religious practice.
- **Depth** in understanding, relationships, faith, and spirituality.
- **Sacredness** of God, being, truth, place, nature, and knowledge.
- **Passion** for excellence, truth, learning, beauty, love, and personal growth.

## Accreditation

- American Chemical Society
- Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics
- Association of Theological Schools
- Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education
- Minnesota Board of Nursing
- Minnesota Professional Educators Licensing and Standards Board
- National Association of Schools of Music
- The Higher Learning Commission

- Saint John's University has been approved to participate in the National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements.