Catholic and Dominican Partnerships



PC's identity as a Catholic and Dominican institution is characterized by the search for Veritas—truth. Our lively academic community seeks to engage students from all backgrounds in this search, leading with the intellectual hospitality that characterizes the Dominican Order. These uniquely Catholic and Dominican initiatives challenge PC students to forge connections with both the local and global Church and Dominican Order, to value fellowship in the search for truth, and to lay the foundation for purpose-filled lives.

SMITH FELLOWSHIPS

Smith Fellowships form contemplative professionals with an eye for the common good. Offering rising juniors and seniors the opportunity to weave the work of the Dominican order and global Catholic mission into their PC education, these fellowships uniquely integrate academic, professional, and spiritual development. During six fully-funded weeks in the summer, students conduct service and scholarship that has included researching vaccines in the Philippines, advocating for human rights at the United Nations in Geneva, and serving Solomon Island clinics and parishes. Beyond their studies, fellows gain invaluable insight into their biggest questions about faith and life.

SMITH FELLOWS DESTINATIONS

Argentina Philippines
Australia Solomon Islands
Costa Rica South Africa
Ecuador Switzerland
England Trinidad
Ireland Zambia
Israel

CLAVERIE FELLOWS

A new initiative of the Center for Catholic and Dominican Studies (CCDS), the Claverie Fellows Program will champion our Catholic and Dominican mission by helping students who are seeking to develop a strong connection with God. Led by CCDS Director Rev. Christopher Justin Brophy, O.P., the program will promote a year-long exploration of faith through the following components:

- · An opening retreat that sets the tone for the year and bonds students together in fellowship as a cohort.
- Bimonthly meetings throughout the academic year to engage with faculty mentors about questions pertaining to faith.
- · Quarterly events bringing prominent scholars to campus for dialogue and intellectual exploration with students.
- Experiences in the Greater Providence area that add an immersive dimension to concepts and themes from discussions.
- A capstone summer pilgrimage concluding a year-long movement toward living more closely with God.



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It is there [Tucumán, Argentina] that I learned about the true meaning of Christian service – to be one. To share in their experience and to share your life with them. It is this deep connection that truly reveals the Church as the Body of Christ.

BR. ROLAND (TREVOR) WAKEFIELD, O.P. '21

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

SMITH FELLOWS

Many rising junior and senior students take part in professional internships or work in the summers. While these experiences are essential steps along their career path, the timing currently limits their opportunity to apply for Smith Fellowships. Additional funding will expand the program to rising sophomores and empower them to develop professional competencies earlier in their PC education, sharing the fruits of their fellowships on campus for longer.

Further opportunities to meaningfully expand the program include new U.S. and global internship experiences that are grounded in Catholic principles and complement rigorous coursework.

CLAVERIE FELLOWS

Funding will help PC launch the program, covering costs for all student programming, such as local cultural trips and annual pilgrimages, and provide stipends for faculty mentors and visiting scholars.



IMPACT ON CAMPUS

By investing in these Catholic and Dominican initiatives, you can play a crucial role in strengthening the college's commitment to its mission and identity by energizing students to grapple with their own faith and explore complex ideas in community with others. With your support, Smith and Claverie Fellows will have an electrifying effect on Providence College's campus and spread the light of our intellectual tradition further than ever before.

