

## Walsh University Mission Implementation Report, 2013

Walsh University's mission demonstrates and maintains deep commitment to Catholic heritage. The mission statement is comprised of three layers, all grounded in faith and church.

### ***Statement of Identity***

*Walsh University is an independent, coeducational, Catholic, liberal arts and sciences institution. Founded by the Brothers of Christian Instruction, the university believes in the desirability of a small university that promotes academic excellence, a diverse community, and close student-teacher interaction.*

### ***Statement of Mission***

*Walsh University is dedicated to educating its students to become leaders in service to others through a values-based education. The university encourages an international perspective in the Judeo-Christian tradition.*

### ***Statement of Vision***

*Walsh University is committed to being a Catholic university of distinction, providing each student the educational experiences, resources, and opportunities necessary to foster critical thinking, effective communication, spiritual growth, and personal, professional and cultural development. The university encourages individuals to act in accordance with reason guided by the example and teachings of Jesus Christ.*

Walsh applies its Catholic mission across all divisions within the institution. Chief among those who guide and lead mission fulfillment are the Brothers themselves, the two offices of the Benedictine Chaplaincy and Campus Ministry, early contributors to the \$25M goal of our current Capital Campaign, numerous individuals recognized for their devoted service to the university's call to provide a faith-based education, and external organizations or supporters of Walsh that have enhanced our ability to advance the mission. Now offering 53 undergraduate majors and seven graduate programs, partnered now with regional, national and global leaders and experts, Walsh is positioned to strengthen and sustain the Brothers' mission into future decades. Our broad success in establishing distinction as a Catholic university and in innovative mission implementation is evident in the following for 2012-13.

### **Brothers of Christian Instruction on Campus**

- **Five Brothers on the Board of Directors;** also, the Bishop of the Diocese of Youngstown and two other ordained priests.
- **One of two vice chairs** appointed by the Brothers; currently Br. Jerome Lessard, who focuses particularly on mission fulfillment.
- **Seven Brothers in residence on campus** in La Mennais Hall: Ernest Paquet, Guy Roddy, and Marcel Sylvestre; two Brothers on campus from Uganda, Denis Katusiime and Pius Ochwo, who are Ph.D. candidates at Kent State University; and Br. Eric Mwithiga from Kenya and Br. Essau Mlengule from Tanzania, both graduate students at Walsh.

### National Recognition

- *The Newman Guide to Choosing a Catholic College* for 2013 included Walsh for the first time.
- *The National Catholic Register* listed Walsh as one of 33 top colleges in the nation.
- *GI Jobs Magazine* formally recognized Walsh as a Military Friendly School for 2013.
- *The Chronicle of Higher Education* (2012) recognized Walsh as one of 690 Great Colleges to Work For in the nation. For the second year in a row (2011, 2012) Walsh earned particularly high ratings in two specific categories: collaborative governance and confidence in senior leadership.
- For the third year in a row Walsh was listed on the **President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll**. Walsh students gave 26,000 hours of academic service learning and community service in 2012.

### New Facilities

- **The Commons**, addition to Lemmon Hall, where inaugural four-year cohort of 16 Brother Blouin Global Learning Scholars took up residence.
- **St. Andrew's House of Studies** in La Mennais Hall—for male students discerning vocations as religious.
- **St. Katharine Drexel House**, opened in September 2012, housing offices for Capital Campaign staff and others and a room called the Gerald Walsh Conference Room in honor of the former chair of the Board of Directors.

### Leadership in the Quiet Phase of the Five-Year \$25M Capital Campaign

- **On target to reach \$10M goal for the first year** in the five-year Capital Campaign. Board members and some other major donors have pledged \$4M for scholarships and \$1M toward the new academic center. On target to reach \$800K for the 2013 **Annual Fund**.
- **Academic Center, opening in 2015:** continued progress in educating ourselves and our partners in Walsh's vision of a viable and relevant faith-based education using technology, collaboration, and reflection to solve real-world problems in real time. The Division of Education and the Intelligent Community Forum at Walsh exemplify our leadership in integrated application of the scholarship of teaching and learning
  - **Whole Brain Teaching Conference** led by national expert for pre-service teachers and in-service teachers, two days in July, 2012.
  - Inaugural **Intelligent Community Forum** two-day **Symposium** at Walsh in October 2012 for 300 international and regional delegates at Walsh, with stellar experts and leaders from government, business, and education. Events included first meeting of the prestigious advisory board for Walsh Institute for the Study of the Intelligent Community.
  - **TED-Ed workshop at Walsh**, led by Logan Smalley, for 230 community educators, business leaders and teacher candidates. Sponsored by The Walsh University Intelligent Community Forum Institute, the Herbert W. Hoover Foundation and initiating a collaborative project for 2013-14 among TED-Ed, Walsh University, and the Stark Educational Service Center.

### Integrated Leadership of the University Chaplain and the Office of Campus Ministry

#### Residence Halls

- Peacemaker peer mentoring programs for first-year students: eg Wonder Women of Walsh, Fireside chats, Residence Hall Masses, all-night adoration, Pizza and Porn presentation, seasonal prayer service, mission programs, service opportunities and resource collections.
- Proposal to expand to upper class residence halls in 2013-2014.

#### Ecumenical Outreach

- **Weekly ecumenical bible study** led by community pastors and religious, each offering a different perspective in biblical hermeneutics. Also sponsored by multicultural affairs office.

- **Faith-sharing groups**, emphasizing ecumenical development, challenging participants to discern their own faith journey and to grow in that tradition: eg, League of Extraordinary Gentlemen, Sisters for Christ, From Water into Wine, and Identity.
- Service reflection development booklet that uniquely ties faith, in all its diversity, to the university pillar of service.

#### **School for Professional Studies (SPS) Outreach**

- **Week-long e-retreat experience** for adult learners and SPS students in 2012
- Plans to extend continued **outreach to each site** with "Care Notes" cards, ministry-focused outreach displays, an active prayer list for SPS students, Water into Wine faith sharing group for adult learners and grad students, Fair Trade coffee initiatives, "Jesus Calling" 15 minute prayer group, hospitality food fellowship, and "Grilling with the Chaplain", and a blessing of keys.
- Proposals to utilize a **small space at each SPS site** for a ministry center with ecumenical prayers, church information (including local church information), a place to offer prayer intentions, and a reflection for the week.

#### **Global Imprint**

- **Pilgrimage to Rome, Medjugorje, Paris, and Lourdes**—fifth student pilgrimage to Europe, organized this year for the second time by the university chaplain and campus ministry and once again led by President and Mrs. Jusseaume (May 2013).
- Plans to expand with **pilgrimage to the Guadalupe shrine** in Mexico.

#### **Additional Leadership in Spiritual Growth**

- **Student pilgrimage to Alfred, Maine** (July 2012). Initiated by students who learned of the President's Leadership and Legacy groups' visits to the Brothers' headquarters.
- **Diocesan Theology of the Body retreat** at Walsh, led by two nationally known speakers in September, 2012 for 360 registrants.
- Multiple series of **theology lectures** throughout the year, on campus and off, to hundreds of community members, some of whom are documenting hours of learning for certification.
- **Immaculee Ilibagiza**, Rwandan genocide survivor and author, address to freshman class in November 2012, followed by two-day retreat at Queen of Heaven for over 600 international registrants. This was her third visit to Walsh (2009, 2010, and 2012).
- **Our Lady of Guadalupe** mass with procession of roses, December 2012.
- **Celebrating Catholic Schools National Photo Contest**: Initial effort to raise awareness of Walsh among diocesan Catholic students during Catholic Schools Week in 2013. The contest attracted 130 entrants from five states who submitted photos showing what a Catholic education means to them. Three prizes (\$500, \$250 and \$250) were awarded to the winners' schools for programming.
- **Global Learning students' and faculty's historic witness in Castel Gandolfo and at St. Peter's Square** of Pope Benedict's final appearance and the announcement of the selection of Pope Frances, with several national and international media pictures and interviews with Walsh personnel.
- **Divine Mercy Sunday**, April 2013.
- Multimedia dramatic presentation of *Maximillian* by St. Luke Productions at Walsh to a community audience of 375, April 2013.

#### **Recognition of Individuals**

- **Honorary doctorate**: Dana Scallon, December 2012; speaker for commencement and for Magnificat at Walsh; internationally recognized for her Christian vocal recordings, compositions, political service as a Member of Parliament, and for her pro-life work.
- **Distinguished Service Medal**: Harold Ziegler, December 2012; longtime community service and funding of religious-centered facilities and programs at Walsh.
- **Founders Award**: Renee Powell, April 2013; pioneering African-American LPGA golf champion and service-oriented promoter of minority participation in sports, nationally and locally.

- **Distinguished Service Medal:** Audrea Wynn, Co-founder of Women's Committee and lifetime of community service, April 2013.
- **Outstanding Educator of the Year:** Dr. Chad Gerber, Assistant Professor of Theology. Voted upon by Walsh University Student Government.
- **Mentor of the Year:** Miguel Chavez, Director of Campus Ministry. Voted upon by Walsh University Student Government.
- **Staff Member of the Year:** Todd McCaulley, maintenance worker. Voted upon by Walsh University Student Government.
- **Exemplary service to the DeVille School of Business:** Dan Cunningham, Chair of Walsh's Board of Directors and adjunct instructor in business. Recognized by Sigma Beta Delta, Walsh chapter of the international honor society for students in business.
- **Professor for a Day:** 60 alumni leaders guest-lecturing in classes across campus on career paths and responsibilities, January 2013.

The university deeply appreciates the extraordinary focus of internal constituencies on mission, exemplified in the list of people honored for their daily and, in some cases, lifelong service. We are profoundly grateful for resounding support from external organizations or individuals for Walsh's fundamental purposes. And we are thankful for the unbroken promise *Sed Deus dat incrementum*—God provides the increase.