Faculty Seminar in Catholic Higher Education 2013

The Center for Teaching and Learning invites nominations from Departments for junior faculty members making good progress toward promotion and tenure, for participation in the 2013 spring semester (Beginning January 2013) in the Faculty Seminar in Catholic Higher Education. Dr. Patrick Carey, Professor of Theology, and Dr. Susan Mountin, Director of Manresa for Faculty in the Center for Teaching and Learning, will lead the Seminar that has been offered for the past nine years. From my conversations with past participants, the endeavor has been an extremely rewarding experience.

Participants will receive a one course reduction paid for by the Center for Teaching and Learning in the spring semester. The day of the week and time for the 2-hour-weekly seminar will be set once we have our class for spring. Available spaces are limited. We are recruiting NOW so that chairs and deans might be able to work out the course reduction in a timely fashion.

The purpose of the seminar is to help faculty understand and appreciate the history and tradition of Catholic and Jesuit higher education in this country and to consider the many ways they can contribute to and strengthen mission as they teach, conduct research, advise students, and participate in their communities. This seminar is different from most other mission seminars in that the focus is academic. Participants examine serious scholarly materials as well as Church documents that address issues in Catholic and Jesuit higher education. The intended outcomes for the seminar are to:

- increase knowledge of the major historical issues and movements in Catholic and Jesuit Higher Education in the 20th Century.
- develop an appreciation of a distinctive Catholic “identity” in higher education.
- identify a range of ways that Catholic and Jesuit identity can positively influence mission in the areas of teaching, research and service.
- identify tensions between Catholic higher education, academic disciplines and the secular society.
- develop a personal plan for how one can contribute to mission, whether one is Catholic or not.
- learn to work in collaboration with others to strengthen mission
- learn to develop mentoring relationships with both senior faculty and new faculty with regard to mission and identity

Please send your nominations to Dr. Susan Mountin, Director of Manresa for Faculty in the Center for Teaching and Learning, at 288-3693 or susan.mountin@marquette.edu. Questions and suggestions are most welcome.