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Belmont Abbey College Launches Graduate Certificate in Catholic Educational Leadership

Belmont, N.C. (May 4th, 2026) – Belmont Abbey College announces a new Graduate Certificate in Catholic Educational Leadership launching in Fall 2026, designed to prepare current and aspiring leaders to serve Catholic schools and organizations with clarity, competence, and conviction. The fully online program is distinctive in its focus on operational vitality and change management through the lens of the Church, while also deepening students' understanding of Catholic educational mission, identity, and best practices.

Catholic education and organizations face unique challenges, from sustainability to cultural change, while remaining rooted in an unchanging mission. "Catholic education is an essential ministry of the Catholic Church. Now more than ever, families, bishops, and religious orders need strong leaders to guide our Catholic schools, diocesan systems, and programs," said Gregory Monroe, Superintendent of Catholic Schools, Diocese of Charlotte. "They need leaders who are well-formed in the purpose of Catholic education, leaders who understand that we educate in order to form and evangelize, and leaders who also have the prudence, wisdom, and practical expertise to respond to the unique challenges facing our schools and systems today. Our goal is to form exceptional leaders who can strengthen Catholic education for the future while remaining firmly rooted in the wisdom and tradition of our Church."

The program begins with the purpose of Catholic education, focusing on formation and evangelization, and then equips leaders with the tools needed to strengthen their ability to ensure operational vitality, lead effective institutional change, and deepen Catholic identity at every level.

The certificate includes four eight-week courses: Catholic Education - History and Mission, Operational Vitality in Catholic Schools, Leading Organizational Change in Catholic Education, and Servant Leadership & Catholic Identity Formation. The program can be completed within a year and is delivered in a 100% online asynchronous format.

"This program is designed to help working professionals grow into stronger, more effective leaders," said Dr. Brad Frazier, Vice Provost and Dean of The Graduate School at Belmont Abbey. "Whether you are a teacher preparing for a leadership role, a current administrator, or a professional seeking to advance in Catholic education or nonprofit leadership, this certificate provides the formation, skills, and confidence needed to make a real and lasting impact on your school, organization, and community."

Belmont Abbey College is addressing a critical need in Catholic education in partnership with Diocesan leadership, Dr. Monroe, to form leaders ready to guide schools with enduring and effective leadership. The program is designed for teachers, current administrators, diocesan leaders, Catholic nonprofit leaders, and professionals discerning a transition into Catholic educational leadership. Completion of the certificate program could put students on the pathway to complete a full master's degree at Belmont Abbey.

For more information on the program, visit www.bac.edu/catholicleadership.

About Belmont Abbey College: Founded in 1876, Belmont Abbey College is a private, Catholic baccalaureate and liberal arts institution. Our mission is to educate students in the liberal arts and sciences so that in all things God may be glorified. Guided by the Catholic intellectual tradition and the Benedictine spirit of prayer and learning, we welcome a diverse body of students and provide them with an education that will enable them to lead lives of integrity, to succeed professionally, to become responsible citizens, and to be a blessing to themselves and to others. Our beautiful and historic campus is conveniently located just 10 miles west of Charlotte, N.C., and is currently home to more than 1500 students. For more information, visit <https://belmontabbeycollege.edu/>.