

## **Regis University offers Catholic studies specialization**

*Degree launched to meet demand for Catholic-focused education*

**HENDERSON, Nev.** – Jesuit-based Regis University-Las Vegas launched its Catholic studies specialization in fall 2006 to prepare its students to work in a lay capacity within the Catholic community.

“As a Jesuit university, we have an obligation to the Las Vegas Diocese, and the community as a whole, to offer degrees that are relevant to the Catholic church,” said Keith Evans, campus director for Regis’ two Las Vegas locations. “We previously offered a Catholic studies certificate, which was quite popular, so we knew the demand was there.”

The Catholic studies specialization is offered through the school’s religious studies degree, which also includes specialization options in academic studies, peace and social justice and spirituality. The specialization also gives students the essential historical knowledge and understanding of the contemporary Catholic church in the United States.

Evans hopes that through degree programs like these, students will receive the education and support needed to make positive changes throughout the community and throughout the world.

Many students already participating in the program are from the Las Vegas Diocese, especially because they are eligible for the 45 Catholic tuition scholarships Regis offers to Las Vegas Diocese students wishing to pursue mission-related degrees.

These programs include religious studies, education and marriage and family therapy at both the undergraduate and graduate level.

The scholarships cover each recipient’s tuition for the semester, worth anywhere from \$945 to \$1,155 depending on the student’s major. A maximum of 15 scholarships will be awarded per semester. Each scholarship student is limited to a total of three scholarship courses.

For more information about Regis’ Catholic studies and Catholic scholarship program or other Regis programs, please visit [regislasvegas.org](http://regislasvegas.org) or call 702-990-0375.

Regis University, which has campuses in Green Valley and Summerlin, offers more than 25 bachelor’s and master’s degree programs in business, education, humanities, liberal arts, marriage & family therapy and social sciences and is continually ranked by “U.S. News and World Report” as one of the top universities in the West. The school’s rich 130-year Jesuit tradition seeks to provide values-centered undergraduate and graduate educations and to strengthen its commitment to serve the world.

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