

## To Candidates for Academic Positions at St. Thomas More College

Candidates for academic positions at St. Thomas More College are asked to write a short response to our college's mission statement as part of every search and selection process. The following is intended to give you an understanding of why we ask for this response and what we are looking for.

As you will see in our Mission Statement, our college is dedicated to the ongoing dialogue between faith and education. We believe that this dialogue is richly enhanced by the participation of those from a variety of faith traditions. We are not looking for conformity; rather, we seek to promote a dialogue which explores every dimension of human dignity and the human condition. Your contribution to this dialogue will be greatly valued, and it is this contribution which we ask you to explore in your statement of response.

Our expectation is to learn how you, if appointed to our faculty, would respect and promote our mission. We would like you to express your thoughts concerning the ethos that is described by our mission statement. Are you familiar with the culture of Catholic education? Do you think that our college's mission describes an academic environment that will enable you to fulfill your potential as a scholar? If you are unfamiliar with the culture of Catholic education, what experiences might you bring to St. Thomas More College from outside this culture that will enrich the ethos that exists at our college?