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Cor Christi Institute
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MARY

July 6-10, 2026 &
July 13-17, 2026

Cor Christi ("The Heart of Christ") invites high school students to a living encounter with Jesus and the foundational teachings and practices of the Catholic faith. This initiative was born from the desire of a group of young priests and other dedicated believers to offer a new generation — through an intensive summer experience — the basics of the adventure of faith.

What are the details?

Who
Cor Christi is open to students who will be entering grades 9, 10, 11, or 12 in the fall of 2026.

What
The Trinity, the Incarnation, the Sacraments. How to pray as a Catholic ... how to live as a Catholic! The days will be intense and straightforward, filled from morning to night with serious study, good conversation, and wholesome friendship.

Where
Housing, meals, and all teaching and activities will be on the campus of the University of Mary in Bismarck, ND.

When
The institute runs during your choice of two different weeks: From the morning of Monday, July 6, to Friday's graduation Mass at 4:30 pm with Bishop Kagan on July 10.

From the morning of Monday, July 13, to Friday's graduation Mass at 4:30 with Bishop Kagan on July 17.

How Much
The registration fee is $200 (non-refundable) per person, covering all expenses while on campus. Please make checks payable to the University of Mary.

How do I register?

Registrations are due by Friday, May 22, 2026, and must be accompanied by a letter of recommendation from the pastor of the participant's home parish and fee payment. Packing and arrival instructions, release forms, and other details will be sent out in late June.

If you have registration questions, please contact evpoffice@umary.edu or 701-355-8199.

For program information, contact Dr. Nicholas Emmel (nicholasemmel@gmail.com), Director, Cor Christi Institute 612-275-2928.

Who is the Cor Christi Institute?

The Cor Christi Institute is led by a group that is as passionate about their Catholic faith as they are about helping students grow in theirs.

Cor Christi Faculty & Staff:

Dr. Nicholas Emmel is the director of the Cor Christi institute, a former youth director and an accomplished musician, teaches theology at St. Mary's Central High School in Bismarck, ND.

Fr. Dominic Bouck serves as the chaplain of the University of Mary and assistant vocations director for the Diocese of Bismarck.

Fr. Josh Hill serves as the chaplain of Bishop Ryan High School and is the parochial vicar of St. Leo the Great Catholic Church in Minot, ND.

Hannah Clark is a graduate of the University of Mary and an educator in the Light of Christ Catholic Schools in Bismarck, ND.

Jerome Richter serves as executive vice president for the University of Mary. Previously, he was chair of the department of religious studies and an award-winning teacher at St. Mary's Central High School in Bismarck, ND.

Monsignor James Shea is president of the University of Mary. Before coming to Mary, he served as chaplain and teacher at St. Mary's Central High School in Bismarck and Trinity High School in Dickinson, ND.

Fr. Grant Dvorak serves as the chaplain of Trinity High School and is parochial vicar of Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Dickinson, ND.

Melanie Konieczka is a registered nurse and director of faith formation at Corpus Christi in Bismarck, ND.

Fr. Jake Magnuson serves as the chaplain of St. Mary's Central High School and is the parochial vicar of St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral in Bismarck, ND.

Fr. Paul Gardner serves as the chaplain of St. Mary's Academy and is the parochial vicar of St. Anne's in Bismarck, ND.

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Registration Form

I would like to register for ❑ Week 1 (July 6-10) OR ❑ Week 2 (July 13-17)

Name _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Birth Date _____ /_____ / ___

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail _____ Gender: ❑ Female ❑ Male

T-Shirt Size (Adult Sizes) ❑ Small ❑ Med ❑ Large ❑ XL ❑ XXL

Will applicant be driving to Cor Christi? ❑ Yes ❑ No

Emergency Contact(s)

Parent(s) Name(s) _____ Email _____

Daytime Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Medical Information/Allergy/Dietary Needs

Doctor's Name/Clinic _____ Phone _____

Insurance Company _____ Policy #_____

Allergies _____

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Other Dietary Needs _____

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(If you need more space, please add notes on back page.)

Conduct Agreement:

Participation in the Cor Christi Institute is a privilege. Students who participate in such institutes are expected to conduct themselves appropriately and set a high standard of personal accountability. It is the desire of the coordinators, the University of Mary, and the Diocese of Bismarck that every student participating in the Cor Christi Institute refrains from inappropriate behavior and follows all rules and policies set forth. Failure to follow the rules and policies set forth by the coordinators of the Cor Christi Institute may result in expulsion from the institute (upon which the participant will be sent home at their own expense and will receive an incomplete for the program) and the cost of any property damage caused by a participant will be billed to the parent/guardian of said participant.

The purpose of this agreement is to document that both the student and their parent/guardian understand the expectations for the participants of the Cor Christi Institute and to promote a quality experience.

Date: _____ _____

Student Signature

Date: _____ _____

Parent/Guardian Signature *(even if student is not a minor)*

SUBMIT REGISTRATION FORM AND DEPOSIT TO:
University of Mary
Attention: Office of the Executive Vice President
7500 University Drive
Bismarck, ND 58504

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:
May 22, 2026

REGISTRATION FEE:
$200 (non-refundable) due at time of application

Reminder: A letter of recommendation from your pastor and the $200 (non-refundable) registration fee must be included with application.

Please note any other additional concerns or needs for your child below:

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