The Catholic University of America was founded in 1887 as a graduate institution and is the second oldest research university in the country.

Our mission calls us to discover and impart the truth through excellence in teaching and research, all in service to the Church, the nation, and the world.

Today, more than 5,000 diverse undergraduates and graduates enliven our 176-acre campus and programs. Our alumni are leaders in politics and law, healthcare, engineering, education, nonprofit service, and in the arts, from the stage in Washington, D.C., to the big screen of Hollywood.

We are proud to call the District of Columbia home and Brookland our neighborhood.
Letter from the President

As one of the nation’s first research universities, the faculty, students, and graduates of The Catholic University of America are transforming our world through innovative research, technology, faith, and the arts.

But academic success is only a part of our story. We prepare our students, through a culture of scholarship, spiritual growth, and service, to be an active part of their communities and to use their knowledge in pursuit of the common good.

Our roots are in the District of Columbia and for nearly 140 years Catholic University has anchored the Brookland neighborhood. Today, the University is a leader in the renewal and development of our neighborhood and city, in collaboration with government, corporate, and nonprofit partners.

This report offers just a snapshot of the many ways Catholic University is leading in employment, sustainability initiatives, volunteer service, and financial scholarships for District of Columbia residents. Not only that, but our graduates increasingly are calling our city home.

I invite you to learn more about our contribution to the District as we forge new partnerships with government and private-sector organizations to strengthen our community and expand opportunities for our students, faculty, and staff.

Together, we can make a difference, shaping lives and contributing to a stronger and healthier community.

Sincerely,

Dr. Peter Kilpatrick
President, The Catholic University of America
CatholicU by the Numbers

- 5,000+ students
- 250 programs
- 12 schools
- $3 million+ direct payments to Washington, D.C.
- $4.3 million in scholarships to D.C. high school students
- 10% international students
- 3,500+ visitors to Washington, D.C.
As a national research university, Catholic University is an anchor institution and major employment center for the District, with operating expenses of $222 million. Nearly 6,000 of our alumni call the District home and another 8,000 live in nearby Maryland and Virginia.

1,687 employees
$100 million in salary and wages
1 in 4 employees lives in the District, generating nearly $23 million annually in payroll
150+ new jobs created on average every year
Giving To Our Local Community

Our service to the community starts on campus, with our legal clinics, community garden, on-campus food pantry, and donation closets. But it doesn’t stop there. Students volunteer every day across our city, working with individuals who are unhoused, immigrants, youth, imprisoned, alone, or living with disabilities. They protect the environment and give their time to dozens of legal, healthcare, education, and community organizations.

- Princeton Review
- 12,000 volunteer hours with 50+ community and nonprofit partners annually
- 89,000+ student-contributed hours annually
- 8th most engaged campus for community service
- 35% of undergraduate population engaged with community service
Service by the Hours

NURSING
33,500+
hours of clinical care in the Washington metro area

SOCIAL WORK
32,000+
hours contributed to residents and patients in hospitals, clinics, schools, veteran, nonprofit, and other facilities

LAW
21,500+
hours of pro-bono hours through legal clinics and programs

PASTORAL MINISTRY
1,800+
hours of pastoral care by seminarians in local hospitals and prisons

EDUCATION
520+
hours contributed to 11 District schools
When Catholic University developed the award-winning Monroe Street Market adjacent to Metro in 2014, not only did District residents gain an exciting urban live-work-eat destination, but Monroe Street sparked the redevelopment of the larger Brookland neighborhood.

The University’s investment didn’t stop there. New on-campus construction, renovation, and the installation of the city’s largest ground solar array are the latest capital investments. Add to that dozens of national and international conferences and prospective family tours that draw visitors, and Catholic University is part of the city’s success.

$84 million nursing building under construction
$40 million dining commons and career center
50+ major conferences annually
$19.2 million spent in the city on vendors and direct payments
Investing in Workforce Training

The Metropolitan School of Professional Studies is an important part of our commitment to our local community. Located right on Metro — and online — MSPS is responding to workforce development and adult learner needs, offering certificate, associate, and bachelor’s degree programs that are flexible and provide the expertise District residents need to take that next step forward in their careers and lives.

As needs change, we are ready to adapt. This includes partnerships with the city, most recently in areas such as childcare worker training and the DC Futures Program. The Metropolitan School is one of just three higher ed institutions to partner on DC Futures, with 120 students enrolled in 2023.

Metropolitan School of Professional Studies by the Numbers

- 331 students enrolled
- 120 DC Futures students
- 20 programs
- 49% of students are D.C. residents
Our nursing students are frequently in the community and many live off-campus. The Conway School of Nursing has partnered with the city’s Fire and EMS Department to ensure students learn about opioid use and how to use Narcan. Having students trained and equipped with Narcan provides additional “bystander” response for opioid emergencies.

Our students care about the health of District residents. Nearly 40% of recent nursing graduates took positions at District hospitals immediately following graduation.
In FY 2022, Catholic University had $26.53 million of externally-funded research, and $11.67 million of internally-funded research. The University partners with federal agencies to push the limits of knowledge and develop technology that will further the common good.

**Leading in Research**

**Largest Active Grants Currently in the Research Portfolio**

**NASA**

**$64.1 million**

Partnership for Heliophysics and Space Environmental Research

**NASA**

**$26.9 million**

Center for Research and Exploration in Space Science and Technology II (subcontract with University of Maryland)

**$5.05 million**

Nuclear Waste Remediation
Atkins Energy Federal (subcontracts from U.S. DOE)

**NIDILRR (DHHS)**

**$4.6 million**

Rehabilitation Engineering Research Center — Patient-Centered, Home-Based Technologies to Assess and Treat Motor Impairment in Individuals with Neurologic Injury

**NASA**

**$2.6 million**

Community Coordinated Modeling Center — Facilitating Space Weather Research, Advancing Forecasting and Providing Hands-On Opportunities for Education
Ensuring a Sustainable Future

There is a reason Catholic University has been ranked the 10th most sustainable campus in the country, and one of just 12 institutions worldwide to receive the first Zero Energy Designation from the U.S. Department of Energy. It’s because we know we have a responsibility to care for creation and to ensure a healthy world for future generations.

SOLAR CAMPUS
The largest ground solar array in the District is coming to life on West Campus. The impact? Producing energy equal to removing nearly 1,500 cars from the road. This is just one way the University is contributing to the District of Columbia’s goal of 100% renewable energy by 2032 and carbon neutrality by 2050.

It’s also the latest addition to our sustainability efforts, on a campus with solar installed on roofs, LEED buildings, re- and upcycling, and sustainability-related courses across two dozen majors, minors, concentrations, and graduate degree programs.
Catholic University is proud of our designation as a “Military Friendly School.” Not only do we have an active ROTC program, but we participate in the Yellow Ribbon Scholarship Program, covering the gap between tuition and GI Bill benefits for undergraduate, graduate, and law students. In 2023, 82 veterans and nine active duty personnel were part of our student body.
Following Our Faith

Our campus is a place where faith inspires. So it's not surprising that Catholic Charities USA was founded at Catholic University (1910). Or that Saint Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa) received her first honorary degree here (1971).

We have had a social work school for more than 100 years, and our social work doctoral program is the third oldest in the world. What else makes us different?

- Only national Catholic university in the U.S.
- Established by the U.S. bishops and chartered by Pope Leo XIII
- Only U.S. university authorized to grant degrees in canon (Church) law.

And our alumni go on to do great things. In fact, five — including Sister Thea Bowman, national advocate for racial justice — are in the process to potentially be named saints in the Catholic Church.