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Benedictine College First to Create Missionary Institute

Benedictine College has announced the formation of the Institute for Missionary Activity, becoming the first Catholic college in America to create a program designed to help future missionaries be more successful in their work and their ability to affect change.

The new Institute combines academics, personal formation and field experience to create graduates who are fully equipped for missionary work.

The formation of the Institute for Missionary Activity corresponds with specific aspects of Benedictine College's new strategic plan.

The Institute will register its first students in the fall, with incoming freshmen declaring a 3-year track of participation and registering for a semester-long service learning seminar.

It is open to Benedictine College students who wish to pursue full-time missionary work after college.

Trotter said that includes short term and long term service, local, national or international programs, and working with material or spiritual poor, youth or adults, in service, catechesis and evangelization.

The Institute will host its first event this spring.

The Symposium on Advancing the New Evangelization is set for March 23-24, 2012 in the new Ferrell Academic Center on the Benedictine College campus.

The facility is the new home of the school's Theology and Philosophy departments.