CHRISTENDOM GRADUATE SCHOOL
SUMMER PROGRAM &
VITA CONSECRATA INSTITUTE
INFORMATION for RESIDENT STUDENTS - 2014

Important dates
June 1: last date to register for residential program (room/board) and Vita Consecrata Institute
June 21 & 22: arrival for six-week students
June 23: six-week courses start
June 28 & 29: arrival for Vita Consecrata Institute Session 1
June 30: VCI-1 starts
July 11: VCI-1 ends
July 12 & 13: arrival for Vita Consecrata Institute Session 2
July 14: VCI-2 starts
July 19: oral comprehensive exams
July 25: VCI-2 ends
August 1: six-week courses end
August 2: Graduation

The dormitories
Summer program accommodations are simple, standard college dormitory facilities minimally furnished with twin beds, desks, dressers, chairs, and small closets with a few clothes hangers. Bathrooms are community, down-the-hall bathrooms, not private, so you will want to be sure to bring a bathrobe. We provide all residents with the following: two twin sheets, a pillow, pillowcase, mattress pad, a light-weight blanket, one bath towel, two hand towels, and a washcloth. The towels are small, so some students like to bring extras. You may also wish to bring an additional pillow or blanket. There are laundry facilities in the dormitories.

Students in the MA program taking courses for credit have single rooms; VCI participants have roommates from their own religious order. To request a particular roommate, please make a note on your registration form, or email Ginny at vnorris@christendom.edu by June 1; no roommate requests can be accommodated after June 1, 2014. If you have a physical limitation or restriction that may affect your stay or require special attention, please let Ginny know so she can place you in a room that is appropriate for you (for example, if you cannot easily climb stairs). All residential registrations and special requests must be received by June 1; after this date accommodation cannot be guaranteed, as space is limited and housing assignments are made in early June.

Things to bring
Besides a bathrobe, you may also wish to bring the following to make your stay more comfortable: flip-flops or slippers, additional towel(s), an additional pillow, clothes hangers, travel reading light, travel alarm clock, soap and toiletries, crucifix, a blanket (if you tend to get cold in air-conditioning) and insect repellent. We provide van transportation into Front Royal (5 miles away) twice weekly to
accommodate any needs you may have. There is a small convenience store located within walking
distance of the campus.

**Meals, snacks, and dietary needs**
We serve breakfast, lunch and dinner every day, but do not have any round-the-clock food facilities. We usually have some snacks, drinks, and candy available for purchase in the dorms. If you have special dietary needs or a food allergy, please email Ginny at vnorris@christendom.edu and we will be happy to accommodate you.

**Arrivals and departures**
You may arrive on campus on Saturday or Sunday before your program starts. Please be sure to be on campus by 6 pm Sunday evening for the orientation meeting. Rooms might not be available before 3 pm on Saturday, and we ask that you vacate your room by 10 am on Saturday after the end of your program. Please make sure to include your current email address on your registration form, so we can contact you about your dorm assignment, your airport pick-up, where to go when you arrive on campus, etc. If you will be arriving on campus after the dinner hour (5:30 – 6 pm) please be sure to bring some food with you, or money to purchase food at the airport or on your way to the campus; there is no food available on campus after 6 pm on weekends.

If you would like to request transportation from the Dulles International Airport (IAD) to Christendom, please refer to the “Dulles Airport Transportation” information and request form found at the Graduate Student Resource Center (http://www.christendom.edu/graduate/resources.php) BEFORE making your flights. This is the only airport to and from which we offer this service. **Please schedule your flights (both arrival and departure) to coordinate with the pick-up and drop-off times; please do not request a pick-up or drop-off for another time or for another airport**, as we cannot accommodate special pick-ups. Please note that the latest pick-up on Sunday is at 5 pm: if you have a long flight you may have to travel on Saturday.

**Recreation and dress**
You might want to bring clothes that would enable you to enjoy the following: trails in the woods, canoes/kayaks, outdoor tennis, recreation room with pool table, foosball, and TV, and gym with basketball court, racquetball court, volleyball, and work-out room. Summers in Virginia tend to be hot and humid, and all buildings are air-conditioned (and some are quite cool, so you may need a sweater.) Dress for classes and meals is casual, but no shorts or tank tops are allowed at Mass.

**Contact information**
While you are on campus, you can receive mail c/o NDGS, Christendom College, 134 Christendom Drive, Front Royal, VA 22360. In an emergency, a message can always be left for you at the college toll-free number: 800-877-5456.

For more information about the Christendom Graduate School 2014 Summer Program courses, or to register, please go to http://www.christendom.edu/grad/acad/offering.shtml and to the Graduate Student Resource Center at http://www.christendom.edu/graduate/resources.php. If you have questions, you may contact the grad school by calling 703-658-4304 or emailing Ginny at vnorris@christendom.edu.