Fall 2002 Enrollment at Top Catholic Institutions

DePaul University, IL—23,227
St. John’s University, NY—19,288
Fordham University, NY—15,379
Boston College, MA—13,523
Loyola University Chicago, IL—13,061
Georgetown University, DC—12,856
Notre Dame, IN—11,311
St. Louis University, MO—11,274
Marquette University, WI—11,042
Dayton University, OH—10,124

Fall 2002 Enrollment at Top National Private Institutions

New York Univ., NY—37,134 (2001)
Brigham Young Univ., UT—33,618
Univ. of Southern Cal, CA—30,682
Boston University, MA—28,982
Harvard University, MA—24,969
Columbia University, NY—23,422
Northeastern University, MA—23,357
DePaul University, IL—23,227
George Wash Univ., DC—23,019
Univ. of Pennsylvania, PA—22,769

DePaul’s National Prominence

- In 1998, DePaul became the nation’s largest Catholic institution, and remains in this position in Fall 2002, larger than St. John’s enrollment by almost 4,000 students.
- In addition, DePaul is the 8th largest private institution in the country.
- Of these ten largest universities, DePaul is the only Midwestern institution, with 7 of the top ten schools located on the east coast.
- All of the top ten private institutions except DePaul are classified as “research extensive,” making DePaul the nation’s largest university with a primary mission of teaching and service.
- What is striking, however, is not only DePaul’s size, but its rate of growth. DePaul is up by 88% since 1984, at least three times the growth of Fordham, at 25%.
- DePaul’s undergraduate growth since 1984 is even more striking, up 94% compared to 14% at Fordham, the Catholic institution with the second largest growth rate.

Percentage Change in Total Catholic Institution Enrollment: 1984-2002