DePaul the Nation’s Largest Catholic University

- In 1998, DePaul became the nation’s largest Catholic institution, and remains in this position in Fall 2001, larger than St. John’s enrollment by almost 3,000 students.

- What is striking, however, is not DePaul’s size, but its rate of growth. Since 1984, DePaul has grown 73%, far outpacing its Catholic peers’ average rate of growth of 4%.

- This rate of growth is 4 times as great as the second largest growing school, Notre Dame, at 17%.

- Since 1997, DePaul’s enrollment has grown by 20%, again surpassing gains made by other Catholic institutions.

- DePaul’s rate of growth from 1997 to 2001 is almost 3 times as great as that of the second fastest growing institution, Notre Dame.

- The average growth for DePaul’s peers from 1997 to 2001 was only 1%, with declining enrollments at Loyola University and Boston College.

Source: EMR’s Annual Survey of Catholic Institutions.