

# The Institute for Advanced Catholic Studies

## What is its Purpose?

1. “Elevator Speech”:
  - a. There are lots of intellectuals with little or no interest in religion.
  - b. There are lots of religious people with not interest in the intellectual life.
  - c. The Institute seeks to form more intellectuals with a deep interest in religion.
  
2. For the Academy:
  - a. Provide support, financial and professional, for scholars interested in the study of religion, especially Catholicism.
  - b. Provide support for the study of theology and philosophy and the history of religion as a normal part of academic life.
  - c. Provide support for the careful study of the sciences, especially biological and neurological, especially as they relate to ethical and theological traditions.
  
3. For the Church:
  - a. Provide intellectual leadership rooted in the Catholic Tradition
  - b. Provide structured and thoughtful dialogue with other Christians and other religions.
  - c. Provide a community of scholars capable of a sustained and dedicated dialogue between faith and culture.
  
4. For Society:
  - a. Provide a sustained and thoughtful exploration of ethical and religious perspectives that will contribute to a deeper understanding of the common good.
  - b. Provide an international center where perspectives of justice and human rights rooted in the Catholic tradition will engage economic and political issues.