MISSION STATEMENT

The Saint Vincent College Faith and Reason Summer Program introduces bright young minds to the rich intellectual tradition of the Roman Catholic faith. Designed to prompt students to address the questions and concepts most fundamental to humanity in the context of Catholic thought, the program offers participants an opportunity to examine these topics through seminal works that are an integral part of any Catholic, liberal arts program.
A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY

Specifically designed for advanced high school and first-year college students, the Faith and Reason Summer Program offers participants a unique opportunity to come to a richer, deeper understanding of the Catholic faith.

Many students have difficulty integrating their education with their faith commitment. Jesus Christ teaches that He is the truth who will set us free, and yet often youth are afraid to engage with the questions and views that must be addressed in order to grow in their faith. The Faith and Reason Summer Program promises to help participants work through these types of challenges by means of philosophical and theological discussions.

Encouraging a life devoted to wisdom, the program features a liberal arts approach to learning. Specifically, participants will:

- Explore the relationship between faith and reason
- Examine the perennial questions of humanity
- Develop their communication skills
- Learn how to analyze difficult arguments
- Prepare for college studies
- Integrate their moral, intellectual and spiritual development

Each day is structured around the monastic schedule of prayer and Mass. During the study sessions, students will analyze and discuss selected reading passages in a seminar setting (approximately 1-2 hours in length). There will be leisurely breaks and meals, recreational activities and movies, as well as excursions into the surrounding area!

"Faith and reason are like two wings on which the human spirit rises to the contemplation of truth; and God has placed in the human heart a desire to know the truth — in a word, to know himself — so that, by knowing and loving God, men and women may also come to the fullness of truth about themselves.” — John Paul II

Students must be at least age 15 to participate.

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ABOUT THE DIRECTOR

Dr. Michael Krom (left) is the director of Benedictine Leadership Studies at Saint Vincent College, and is chair of the Philosophy Department. He recently finished a book on St. Thomas Aquinas's moral, economic and political thought, and has given numerous talks on the Catholic intellectual tradition. He resides in Latrobe, Pennsylvania, with his wife, Jessica, and six children, where he actively supports K-12 classical education.

FACULTY

All faculty members are full-time professors at Saint Vincent College.