

MEMORANDUM from the president of Assumption College about the establishment of the school's campus in Rome.

I am happy to announce that on Wednesday, March 7, 2012, I signed a Memorandum of Understanding between the College and the Assumptionists for the establishment of the Assumption College Rome campus, and we anticipate the first group of students will be in residence in the spring of 2013. I want to thank Provost Frank Lazarus and the Assumptionist leadership in Rome for their dedication, hard work and persistence in making this campus possible.

The ceremony in Rome was attended by students who were on the Rome trip with me, faculty, and staff from the College, as well as the Assumptionist community in Rome, and Fr. Benoit Griere, A.A., Superior General of the Assumptionists. This agreement is the culmination of discussions that began three years ago when the College began exploring the possibility of establishing its own campus in Rome as a way of enhancing the educational opportunities for our students.

The program will be located in a building on the property of the General House of the Assumptionists, which is near the Vatican, and we are planning renovations to the building. This ideal location will allow faculty who teach in the program to use Rome as a living classroom, offering ample possibilities for on-site lectures throughout the city. We will also be developing a Florence component for the program.

This is an exciting initiative that will contribute to the College’s distinctiveness in the region, as

well as enhance our reputation for academic excellence. I look forward to sharing more details as they become available.

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