



but also in the questions. Many people at Boston College have heard me say this quotation from Proverbs, but I think it is so apt. Proverbs 29:18 says, “Where there is no vision, the people perish.” And I think that’s true for institu

must be. But I start with university. For me, it's the noun. Catholic and Jesuit are the adjectives. They particularize us. They shape us in immense ways.

But first of all, we're a . We are committed to being a community of scholars, learners, teachers. We're not a parish, we're not a seminary. We're not a social service agency. But we're an academic institution where teaching, research, scholarship, and

Missions can change. Our mission here changed over the decades. We started out as a small college focused on the liberal arts and educating primarily immigrant males. We've evolved over the decades: we added professional schools; we moved from being a commuter school to residential one; we added certain graduate and professional programs; we're much more committed to integrating the scholarship and teaching elements than we were fifty years ago.

