

**The Pontifical University at St Patrick's College, Maynooth, invites applications for
A permanent post of Professor of Moral Theology**

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St Patrick's College, Maynooth is nationally and internationally recognised for the quality and value of its contribution to theological learning, scholarship and research since its original foundation as the Catholic National Seminary in 1795. In 1896 it was recognised as a Pontifical University with Faculties of Theology, Canon Law and Philosophy. The Faculty of Theology of St Patrick's College offers eighteen programmes at undergraduate and postgraduate level. The College campus is shared with Maynooth University.

Since the Second Vatican Council, holders of the Chair of Moral Theology have made significant contributions to the renewal of Moral Theology within the Catholic Tradition, inspiring and attracting some of Ireland's finest young theologians.

Since 2011, all awards accredited by the Pontifical University have been submitted to the National Qualifications Framework (NFQ), the statutory body that recognises academic awards in Ireland. The Faculty of Theology was evaluated by the Holy See's Agency for the Evaluation and Promotion of Quality in Ecclesiastical Universities and Faculties (AVEPRO) in 2014.

Skills and Experience

- Applicants are required to have a Doctorate / PhD in Moral Theology or Ethics or Catholic Social Teaching; a successful candidate will also be required to have a Licentiate in Moral Theology or equivalent from a Pontifical or Catholic University; namely, a qualification which permits teaching modules in both the canonical and non-canonical degree programmes.
- The successful candidate will have a distinguished record of research and publications in any of the following areas of Moral Theology, Bioethics, Theological Ethics, Catholic Social Teaching, Environmental / Ecological Ethics, Theology of Human Rights together with concrete future research plans together with an international reputation which will contribute to and enhance the profile of the discipline and of the Faculty of Theology.
- A record of successful undergraduate and postgraduate teaching, and of competent dissertation supervision at both masters and doctoral levels.
- The successful candidate should have key managerial skills and experience; be capable of working in a team context and of providing leadership in developing the teaching, research, and mission of the Pontifical University.
- Any applicant will also be committed to the mission of the Pontifical University which seeks a distinctive educational and scholarly excellence that is founded on its Catholic identity and whose lifestyle is consistent with their role and what they will teach.
- Applicants may be required on occasion to serve on committees and commissions of the Irish Episcopal Conference in the mission of the Irish Catholic Church; contribute to the life of the Church especially in ethical debate, and in issues which are important in the social and pastoral discourse of the whole island of Ireland.

Duties and Responsibilities:

The duties and responsibilities of the position include, but are not limited, to the following:

- Undergraduate and postgraduate teaching in Moral Theology.
- Supervision of postgraduate research in Moral Theology at Masters, Licence, and Doctoral levels.
- Publication of one's own research in respected journals and by publishers of repute; where appropriate, this will be carried out in collaboration with colleagues in the Pontifical University and elsewhere.
- Research leadership by encouraging research achievement and nurturing a research culture; this will including the obtaining of research grants where possible, and the support of the *Irish Theological Quarterly*, a key Faculty publication.
- A willingness to assume leadership and administrative roles (e.g., Dean) within the Faculty of Theology and the Pontifical University.
- Maintaining current and fostering new relationships with other institutes of theology and cognate faculties, both nationally and internationally.
- The active promotion of Theology in the University and the public domain; in particular through organizing conferences, lectures and other events.

How to apply

While there is no application form, applications will include:

- A complete Curriculum Vitae and list of publications;
- A covering letter or statement addressing the criteria set out above;
- One's salary and remuneration expectations;
- Full contact details (to include email and postal addresses, as well as telephone numbers);
- The names and current contact details of two academic referees. In the case of a priest, an additional letter of recommendation and support from his Ordinary. In the case of a non-ordained religious, an additional letter of recommendation and support from her or his religious superior.

Applications, by e-mail only, are to be sent to:

The President: Rev Prof Michael Mullaney president@spcm.ie

All applications must be submitted by 17:00 23rd February 2018

Interviews will take place in March

The successful candidate will begin in August 2018