

## COMMISSION'S STATEMENT OF ACCREDITED STATUS

## St. Patrick's Seminary and University 320 Middlefield Road Menlo Park, CA 94025-3596

St. Patrick's Seminary and University has *voluntarily withdrawn* from accredited membership with the Commission on Accrediting (COA) of The Association of Theological Schools (ATS), effective September 14, 2023. The school had been accredited by COAATS since 1971, with its accreditation last reaffirmed in winter 2015, based on an institutional self-study report and an onsite evaluation visit by a committee of peer and public reviewers.

In August 2023, the Board of Commissioners received notification of the school's **voluntary withdrawal** from accredited membership in the ATS Commission on Accrediting, effective September 14, 2023. The Officers Committee acknowledged the notification and noted that the school's degrees will continue to be accredited by WASC Senior College and University Commission and the Pontifical Faculty of the Immaculate Conception at the Dominican House of Studies.

The Commission on Accrediting (COA) of The Association of Theological Schools accredits more than 250 graduate schools of theology and seminaries in the United States and Canada. The COA has been recognized by the U.S. Department of Education since 1952 as an accreditor of freestanding, single-purpose institutions and of specialized programs at larger institutions offering post-baccalaureate degrees in professional and academic theological education. The COA is also recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation as a national faith-related accrediting organization that accredits free-standing seminaries and academic units of larger institutions in the United States and Canada that offer post-baccalaureate degrees in professional and academic theological education.