

## GRACE MEN AND WOMEN

- Creative, energetic, generous men and women who wish to serve as teachers and to contribute to the renewal and enrichment of Catholic Schools.
- Men and women who actively live their faith and are committed to social justice for all.
- Recent college graduates who wish to contribute to the lives of young people as a Catholic teacher-educator.
- Single men and women who willingly commit to live in and actively contribute to the formation of intentional, faith-based, Christian communities with their colleagues.
- Men and women who willingly contribute to life of the wider Catholic community.
- Men and women who explore and nurture their personal relationship with their God, people, and all of creation to actively develop their personal spirituality.

## APPLICATION

The application deadline is February 1, but the cohort is limited to a maximum of 6 and will be closed as soon as 6 eligible applicants are admitted to GRACE to allow time for finalizing living and working arrangements.

For information on the applications, go to [www.stthom.edu/GRACE](http://www.stthom.edu/GRACE).

- Application Instructions
- Important Dates for Applicants
- GRACE Application
- Catholic School Office Application

All materials should be submitted as described in the application instructions as soon as possible but no later than February 1.

## MEET THE DIRECTOR

Ana-Lisa Gonzalez, Ph.D. is the director of GRACE. Dr. Gonzalez is a member of the faculty of the School of Education and is also the director of the Reading Program for undergraduate and graduate students.

## THE UNIVERSITY

The University of St. Thomas is truly a Shining Star in the heart of Houston. At UST 85% of our students say they would choose us again if they could start their college career over.\*

- **Range of choices:** Degree programs focused on business, sciences, liberal arts and education at the undergraduate and graduate levels
- **Personal instruction:** Average class size of 18
- **Personal approach:** Faculty know students by name
- **Nationally ranked:** Ranked 27th among universities offering master's degrees in the Western region by the *U.S. News & World Report* 2011 edition of "America's Best Colleges"
- **Nationally ranked:** Ranked by *The Princeton Review* as Best in the West in its 2011 Best Colleges: Region by Region online profile found at [www.princetonreview.com](http://www.princetonreview.com)
- **The Newman Guide to Choosing a Catholic College:** Named as one of 21 top Catholic universities by the Cardinal Newman Society for the second time
- **Study abroad:** Ranked for the third year in a row as one of the top 20 master's schools in the U.S. for Study Abroad programs according to a report by the Institute of International Educational Exchange
- **Catholic tradition:** Houston's only Catholic university, founded by the Basilian Fathers in 1947

\* According to the 2009 National Survey of Student Engagement: [www.nsse.iub.edu](http://www.nsse.iub.edu).



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*The University of St. Thomas is a private institution committed to the liberal arts and to the religious, ethical and intellectual tradition of Catholic higher education.*

# GRACE

## GULF REGION ACADEMY FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATORS

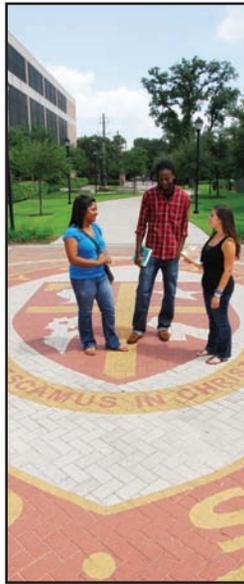


## ABOUT GRACE

GRACE prepares teachers to serve in Catholic schools through a University of St. Thomas and the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston School Office partnership. GRACE is seeking graduates from around the country who have a spirit of service and a desire to grow and learn through the three components of the program:

- Professional Development
- Spiritual Growth
- Community Living

GRACE welcomes applications from creative, generous, committed, single Catholic men and women.



## BENEFITS

- The joy and satisfaction of making a significant contribution to the lives of young people in their schools as full-time educators.
- The support of living in an intentional faith community with fellow GRACE teachers who are committed to teaching, living as a community and deepening their faith and spirituality.
- The support of the principal and mentor teachers in your school.
- The experience of life in the fourth largest city in the United States.
- The exciting, multicultural, nature in Houston in its restaurants and cultural events.
- The University of St. Thomas, Houston's only Catholic University located in the museum district.
- The support and encouragement of the staff of GRACE, Campus Ministry and faculty at the University of St. Thomas.
- Low cost housing provided by the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston.
- Annual salary as a Catholic school teacher.
- Benefits related to full-time employment.
- A scholarship covering 50% of the tuition costs is provided for GRACE teachers by the University of St. Thomas.

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



- GRACE offers an integrated program of study and supervised field experience which introduces students to the profession of education and enables them to develop as highly competent educators.
- GRACE programs of study are based on current educational research and practice and draw their inspiration from the traditions of Catholic education.
- GRACE programs of teacher education lead to a University of St. Thomas Master of Education degree.
- GRACE offers a teacher education programs which have been approved by the State of Texas. Graduates from this program are eligible for initial certification as teachers.
- Courses are completed mainly by intensive study during the first summer of the GRACE program and with six hours while teaching during each of the remaining semesters in the two year program.

## COMMUNITY LIVING



- Contributing to the development of a spirit of Christian community is an integral dimension of the GRACE experience.
- GRACE communities are intentional, faith-based, Christian communities.
- GRACE communities have become supportive environments for personal and community growth through living a simple lifestyle and encouragement of each other's personal, professional and spiritual development.
- GRACE teachers live in community with colleagues and share with each other the many challenges and rewards of their experiences as beginning teachers.
- GRACE teachers contribute to sense of community in their schools with the faculty, staff and students.

## SPIRITUAL GROWTH



- Emphasis is placed on the Catholic education tradition of the Congregation of St. Basil in teaching Goodness, Discipline and Knowledge.
- As teachers and potential leaders for the future of Catholic education, GRACE teachers value growth in their own faith and their spirituality as Catholic educators and actively support other members of their communities in this growth.
- GRACE offers opportunities for spiritual retreats and other support to encourage each person's spiritual growth throughout the program and in specific coursework.
- GRACE teachers take initiative to develop their own spiritual life in the context of their faith based community, the wider GRACE Program and in their schools.
- GRACE teachers are willing to share their faith and seek to contribute to the spiritual growth of their communities and schools.