

Ancilla College Endowment Fund

Ancilla College of Marian University began as Ancilla Domini College, in Donaldson, Indiana, and was sponsored by the Congregation of the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ. It was established in 1937 and accredited by the Indiana State Board of Education. Prior to that year, Ancilla functioned as an extension of DePaul University of Chicago under a charter granted to the Poor Handmaids in 1925.

Originally, Ancilla Domini College provided higher education only for prospective members of the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ. With the expansion of the college in 1966, the College broadened its liberal arts curriculum and admitted students from the surrounding geographical area, awarding an associate degree to members of the public for the first time in 1967.

In 2020, Ancilla Domini College signed an agreement with Marian University in collaboration of mission to continue to bring higher education to the area. July 2021, Marian University opened a new campus location called Ancilla College of Marian University in honor of the legacy of the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ.

Jim Hardesty decided to begin this fund to support Ancilla College in 1997. His legacy and love for the college will now continue forever even as the college grows and changes.