The Augustine Institute Announces New Home in St. Louis

284-acre campus allows apostolate to establish a national center for evangelization

Greenwood Village, CO, April 23, 2024—The Augustine Institute, a leading provider of Catholic content, education, and digital resources, announces it has purchased the 284-acre former Boeing Leadership Center (BLC) in Florissant, MO. The Augustine Institute will begin transitioning its operations over the next few years, with its headquarters and Graduate School of Theology opening on the new campus in time for the fall 2024 semester.

President of the Augustine Institute Dr. Tim Gray explains, "The purchase of the BLC offers an unprecedented opportunity to expand our Graduate School of Theology and further our mission to help Catholics understand, live, and share their faith. The BLC's state-of-the-art facilities will transform the work of the Augustine Institute by allowing us to take our curriculum and resources beyond a digital interface, which already reaches millions around the world, into a national center for Catholic conferences, retreats, evangelization, and fellowship."

The Augustine Institute will hold a live virtual press briefing on Monday, April 29 at noon (EDT) to provide members of the media with more in-depth information and allow them to ask questions of Dr. Tim Gray. To reserve your spot for this event, advanced registration is required.

"I believe that the Augustine Institute will transform this property into the premier center for the New Evangelization in the United States," declares Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski, Archbishop of St. Louis. "By leveraging St. Louis' central location, the Augustine Institute can foster a new era of collaboration with Catholic organizations nationwide and invite more people to encounter Jesus Christ and his Church."

Founded in Denver in 2005 and currently located in the Denver Tech Center, the Augustine Institute will continue to support the presence of numerous Catholic apostolates housed within its building. "We have been blessed to collaborate with many Catholic organizations within the Archdiocese of Denver and look forward to further collaboration in the future," Gray affirms. "The history of the Augustine Institute will always be rooted in Denver. The flourishing of our mission is a direct result of the investment of the Denver Catholic community."

"The beautiful new facility for the Augustine Institute in the Archdiocese of St. Louis is providential," states Most Reverend Samuel Aquila, Archbishop of Denver. "It will allow the Institute the opportunity to remain faithful to its mission while continuing to grow. As a board member and friend of the Augustine Institute, this is the realization of a long-standing hope for a campus environment for students, faculty, and expanded theology programs."

Plans are currently underway for the immediate transition of the property to be operational for the Graduate School of Theology's 2024–25 academic year. This is the first phase of a multiphase plan to convert the property into a center for evangelization at the service of the Church. "We have a big vision for this property," announces Gray. "We have been given the opportunity to create a place for Catholics to gather, be formed, be educated, and be prepared for a lifetime of mission. We intend to offer our own conferences and retreats, as well as host other apostolates' and ministries' events at our central location in St. Louis."

Fr. Christopher Martin, vicar for parish mission and vitality of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, expressed his excitement about the Augustine Institute's presence in the St. Louis area. "By working closely with the Augustine Institute, the Archdiocese of St. Louis will be able to enhance our efforts for evangelization and discipleship. We

look forward to tapping into its wide array of existing resources, exploring our faith with its renowned theologians, and engaging in hands-on training in our own backyard."

A complete press kit is accessible <u>here</u>. For more information on the Augustine Institute's plans for expansion and to register for the April 29 press briefing, click <u>here</u>.

Dr. Tim Gray is available for comment. To request an interview, contact Carrie Kline at <u>carriek@missionadvancementpartners.com</u>.

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About the Augustine Institute: The Augustine Institute is a Catholic educational apostolate founded in 2005. Its mission is to help Catholics understand, live, and share their faith through initiatives like Amen, Formed, the Graduate School of Theology, Word of Life, and others.