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Student Veterans' Pilgrimage Program: Takes Flight Developing Leaders to Support the Journey and Provide Direction

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- **Session title:** *Student Veterans' Pilgrimage Program: Takes Flight Developing Leaders to Support the Journey and Provide Direction*

- **Brief description of session to include in conference schedule booklet (up to 150 words):**
 At the core of Catholic Franciscan Education, St. Bonaventure University's and Viterbo University's mission is to provide students with an opportunity to explore their own spiritual development, meaning of life, and engage in activities to promote the common good of all in a global society. Student Veterans are the compass for building a Franciscan future journey and dream together at our Catholic Franciscan Higher Education Institutes. The Franciscan Pilgrimage program for Veterans provides an approach for promoting and advocating for positive relationships in academic and social environments for our student veterans. Through collaboration of Student Affairs, Academics and Support Services a model is provided to facilitate the mentorship of future student veteran servant leaders. This program empowers students to choose new living learning communities and engage in campus leadership programs. This mentoring program will demonstrate how to transform students' lives to be the moral compass of campus life.

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- **Connection to conference theme: "Taking Flight: Developing Leaders for the Common Good" (up to 150 words):**

- Student veterans' pilgrimage program provides direction and support in their academic journey through a very reflective spiritual journey. The Franciscan Pilgrimage program provides personal insights for veterans to be retrained as leaders in their educational communities, offering guidance, maturity and insight. At the core of the conceptual frameworks of many Catholic Colleges are ideals such as social justice, respect for the dignity of each individual, leadership, service and human excellence. These often take on a deeper meaning for student Veterans. This population deals with moral injuries; unresolved grief; losses of innocence, trust, roles, and dreams. Academic study in a Catholic Institute of Higher Injury can provide meaning to one's life; a renewed sense of purpose and goals, social support; and a place to heal. Taking flight for the

common good for student veterans includes not only developing leaders for academic success and personal growth, but a more existential spiritual exploration.

- **Presentation outline, format and method of delivery (up to 150 words)**

Panelist Discussion: The development of St. Bonaventure and Viterbo Universities models for the Student Veterans/Military Aligned Student Franciscan Pilgrimage Programs.

Participants will break into discussion groups with Panelist to share the following areas will be addressed:

1– Transitions of student veterans and strategies to develop support programs for the Veterans Pilgrimages

2– Application of the above principles to assist these students in dealing with their physical, psycho-social and moral injuries to be future leader and spiritual sound person

3– Assistance with re-integration of these students into the educational and larger community through Pilgrimage Program

4– Recognition and utilization of this population’s leadership skills, maturity, life and service experiences

Format & Method of Delivery:

The format of this workshop will involve didactic information shared via a panel discussion with a power point, experiential activities, and audience discussion. Note, the presenters’ backgrounds are multi-disciplinary in nature including spiritual, educational, counseling, and administrative training.

- **Intended audience (professionals new to Catholic Higher Education, seasoned professionals, all, etc.)**

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- **Include any presentation requirements, such as: - Audio-visual needs (all rooms will be equipped with computer/LCD projector)**

Microphone for panel

- **Room set-up requests (round tables, lecture style, etc.)**

Round Tables

- **Co-presenter(s) information (name, university, and position):**

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