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Chesterton Academy of St. Thomas Aquinas holds a meet and greet with the Northern Virginia Chesterton Society

Haymarket, VA – The Chesterton Academy of St. Thomas Aquinas (CASTA) attended the monthly meeting of the Northern Virginia Chesterton Society. The two esteemed groups raised their glasses at the Olde Dominion Tavern, 5351 Merchants View Square on Saturday March 2, 2024.

It was a crisp late winter afternoon as NOVA Chestertonians packed the room for a splendid discussion of recently read books and their thematic connections to G.K. Chesterton. The



Chairman, Dr. Morneau, sharing information with the Society about the Chesterton Academy of St. Thomas Aquinas

keynote speaker and society member, Mary Ann Krietzer, did a deep dive into many unexpected and famous Americans who had a run-in with G.K. (*Would you believe that an American humorist, actor, and cowboy Will Rogers dined with Chesterton in a British Pub outside of Cambridge, England?*)

This was the first public event for the Chesterton Academy of St. Thomas Aquinas' newly formed Executive board. Dr. Keith Morneau, the Chairman of the Board, gave an introductory presentation to the Society on the plans for the new high-school academy set to launch in August 2025. He discussed the Chestertonian

Model and its mission of “raising up a new generation of joyful leaders and saints.” Dr. Morneau and other members of the CASTA Executive board shared with the Society current goals and needs for successfully launching the academy.

The Society members were elated to hear of plans to open a Chesterton Academy in the Warrenton area, cheering on the spread of Chestertonian ideals to a new generation.

CASTA Vice-Chairman Matt Hassan stated, “What a wonderfully warm and particularly Chestertonian welcome we received from the Society today, and many thanks to Gerry Bruen and all the members of the society for their great support.”

The [Northern Virginia Chesterton Society](#) is an informal group with members from D.C., Maryland, Virginia, and West Virginia. The only requirement for membership is a good old-fashioned interest in or curiosity about G.K. Chesterton.



Some of the Members of the Society and the CASTA Executive Board

The [Chesterton Academy of St. Thomas Aquinas](#) is set to launch for the 2025-2026 academic year, initially offering admission to both 9th and 10th graders and inviting incremental admission in each successive year. It will graduate its first class in 2028. CASTA is a part of the [Chesterton Schools Network](#), a growing network of schools across the United States and internationally founded by the [Society of G.K. Chesterton](#).

You too can help and become a part of the Chesterton Academy of St. Thomas Aquinas Family of supporters as we strive to reach our fundraising **goal of \$500,000** which will allow us to open our doors in August 2025. **Your support is vital to our mission** of educating **young men and women to become the joyful, christ-filled saints** they can be through the classical curriculum model.

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"Education is simply the soul of a society as it passes from one generation to another."— G.K. Chesterton

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