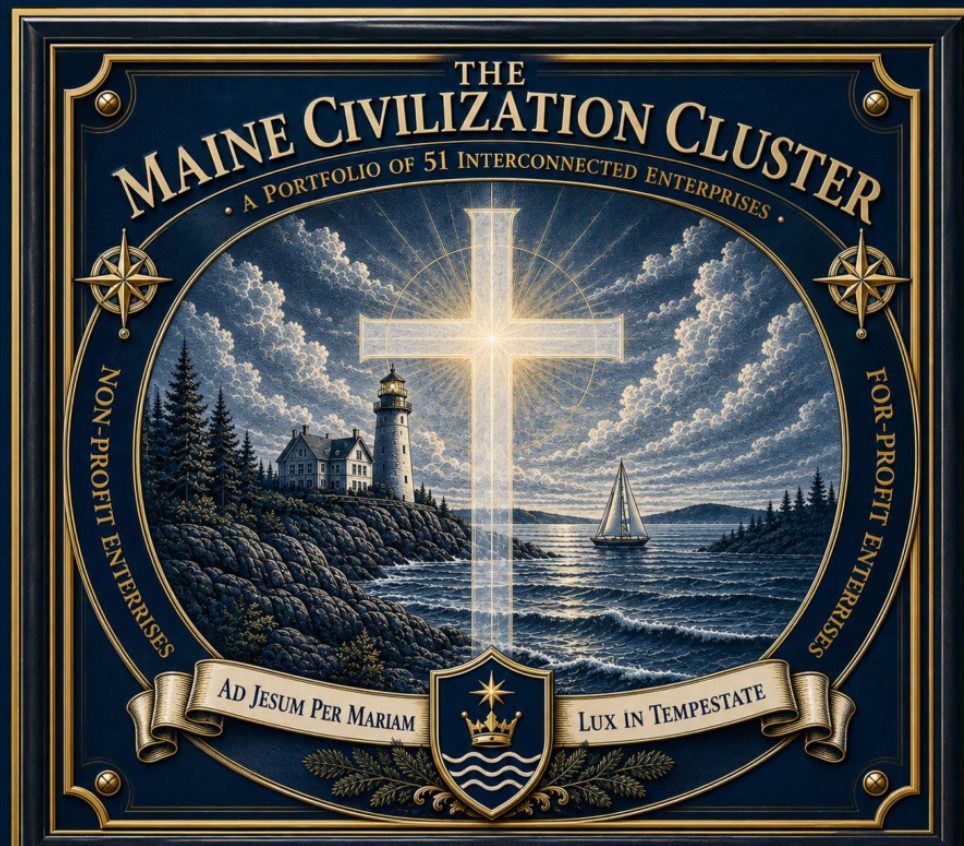




OUR RELIGIOUS CONVICTIONS & FOUNDING PRINCIPLES

The Maine Civilization Cluster

Ad Jesum Per Mariam · Lux in Tempestate

A public statement of faith, mission, and founding stewardship

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I. The Foundation Is Religious

The Maine Civilization Cluster is a proposed architecture of fifty-one interconnected enterprises and institutions. Its commercial and capital-allocation enterprises are intended to create durable value and help sustain traditional Roman Catholic charitable, educational, religious, and cultural institutions across generations.

The Cluster is not a conventional investment portfolio with an optional religious affiliation. Its religious purpose precedes its financial design. The institutions are the reason the commercial architecture exists.

Our Profession of Faith. We adhere fully to the teaching of the Magisterium of the Roman Catholic Church, founded by Our Blessed Lord Jesus Christ, as exercised from her founding until the death of His Holiness Pope Pius XII on October 9, 1958. We do not recognize as legitimate those who have since claimed the papal office. We *are* Roman Catholics.

We recognize that Catholics disagree about this position. We state it here to disclose the convictions under which the proposed religious institutions would be founded, not to conceal them beneath more general language.

The common motto, *Ad Jesum Per Mariam*—To Jesus Through Mary—expresses the Marian orientation of the undertaking. *Lux in Tempestate*—Light in the Storm—expresses its hope of enduring service amid institutional uncertainty.

II. Capital in Service of the Mission

Fifty-one enterprises across finance, infrastructure, technology, energy, aerospace, manufacturing, science, and charitable work can appear to be fifty-one unrelated ambitions. They are intended instead as a coordinated architecture, with different enterprises contributing economic strength, specialized capability, and continuity to the whole.

Individual commercial enterprises may have substantial growth potential. Some could, if successfully developed, attain valuations measured in billions of dollars. These are possibilities, not forecasts or promises. The measure of success is not valuation alone, but whether durable economic value can help establish and sustain the mission institutions.

Profitability, competent management, capital discipline, and regulatory compliance are not in tension with this purpose. They are among the conditions required to make it durable. The Cluster cannot sustain its charitable institutions through conviction alone, and it cannot preserve their purpose through financial success alone.

The intended allocation of resources, charitable support, endowment arrangements, and investor rights must be established in the governing documents of each relevant entity, consistent with its legal and fiduciary obligations.

III. Founding Partners and Shared Stewardship

The founding capital and governance circle is intended for people who understand and are prepared to uphold the Cluster's stated religious purpose. Financial resources alone are not sufficient to establish a founding relationship. Long-term stewardship requires clarity about the mission, judgment about the means, and a willingness to preserve institutional integrity when commercial pressures arise.

Founding-level participation is different from employment, technical collaboration, ordinary commercial relationships, or a later investment in an individual operating company. The Cluster anticipates working with qualified professionals of many backgrounds. Specialized expertise must be entrusted to people competent in their respective disciplines.

The founding circle's qualifications, governing responsibilities, fiduciary duties, succession procedures, and any mission-protection mechanisms will require definitive legal documents and appropriate review. The eligibility and terms of any particular investment will be determined under applicable law; this statement is not an offer of securities.

As the enterprises develop, outside financing may be considered where appropriate, but the long-term mission must be protected through lawful, workable institutional design rather than an assumption that a contract alone can create shared convictions.

IV. Leadership, Expertise, and Succession

No founder can personally be the aerospace engineer, biotechnologist, banker, physician, shipbuilder, theologian, and institutional operator required by an undertaking of this breadth. Nor should one claim to be.

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His work has included multi-wavelength optical satellite network architectures using Wavelength Division Multiplexing (WDM), as well as computational approaches to NP-complete (nondeterministic polynomial-time) problems in financial data protection—highly complex mathematical challenges for which practical, near-optimal approaches were developed before regulatory and institutional demand had fully formed around the problem.

The founder’s task is to establish the governing architecture, recognize the relationships among disciplines, assemble capable leadership, allocate responsibility, and preserve coherence as specialized teams turn plans into operating institutions.

Coley has undertaken that architectural role as Founder & Executive Chairman. The objective is not permanent personal control. The proposed governance must provide for responsible succession, including the eventual appointment of a qualified successor as Executive Chairman.

The number, composition, and authority of seats on Consilium Maris—including the position of the Executive Chairman—remain to be determined in definitive governance documents. No seat, appointment, or succession right is created by this public statement.

The architecture is larger than its founder by design. If it succeeds, its continuity will depend on the judgment, skill, faithfulness to institutional purpose, and work of those who carry it forward.

V. What a Prospective Founding Partner Should Understand

The Maine Civilization Cluster is at the founding stage. The fifty-one enterprises and institutions described in its planning materials are not presented as operating businesses or completed facilities. Their establishment depends upon financing, legal formation, qualified personnel, diligence, regulatory approvals where required, and execution.

Those considering a founding relationship should understand the religious commitments before entering substantive discussions. The intent is to respect the time and judgment of prospective partners, and to make clear that the mission is not negotiable merely because a particular venture could attract substantial capital.

For those who share the purpose, the next question is practical: whether the architecture can be responsibly financed, governed, staffed, and built. Both convictions and competent execution are necessary.

VI. Selected References

St. Louis-Marie de Montfort, True Devotion to Mary. A central source for the Marian orientation and the understanding of consecration that informs the proposed religious institutions.

Rev. Henry George Hughes, “What Are Catholics Bound to Believe?” A historical discussion of the Magisterium and Catholic obligations concerning doctrine. [Read the essay online.](#) The essay is offered as a theological reference, not as independent proof of every position stated in this document.

The Religious Conviction: The Theological Foundation of the Stella Maris Ecosystem. A longer companion planning document examining the Marian foundation and the purposes of proposed religious institutions.

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