Saint Benedict’s Ever

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Staunch guardian of truth, diffusing your light
To all who love wisdom and honor the right.
Saint Benedict’s ever, your praises we sing,
Our love and our loyalty gladly we bring!

With you as our guide we follow the quest
Of learning that frees us but binds us no less
To accept what is true, to do what is right:
The sword of the Spirit, our light and our might!

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**Ceremony of Commitment to Learning**

**NEW STUDENTS:**
Will you commit yourself to learn and to reflect, to accept challenge and change, to serve and to strengthen the College of Saint Benedict by your presence as a student?

_We will._

By the authority vested in me by the board of trustees, I welcome you as full members of this college in the Benedictine tradition of our founders and sponsors. May you flourish and grow in wisdom.

**RETURNING STUDENTS:**
Will you affirm your commitment to provide welcome, friendship, good example, and advice to these new students, and to continue your own pursuit of learning?

_We will._

**FACULTY:**
Will you affirm your commitment to challenge, inspire, and mentor our students through their life and work in this college?

_We will._

**ADMINISTRATION AND STAFF:**
Will you affirm your commitment to sustain the educational work of this college through your labor and leadership?

_We will._

**BLESSING:**
May God who has gathered us together as seekers of knowledge confirm us in our purpose and bring us to that wisdom for which we long, both now and forever.

_Amen._