



UNIVERSITY OF MARY WASHINGTON

Catholic Campus Ministry at the University of Mary Washington

*“Trust all things to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and to Mary, Help of Christians, and you will see what miracles are.”
~ St. John Bosco*

2020 Gala and Silent Auction

There are a great many things going on at the St. John Bosco Center, and many changes that are being planned for the future. As the numbers of students we serve continues to grow, our physical needs are also growing. When Fr. Vaccaro first started as chaplain here, about 35 students regularly were involved and attending Sunday Mass. **In a few short years that number has more than doubled.**

We have purchased the properties on either side of the center to expand parking and to provide a residence for the chaplain and meeting space for bible studies and other small groups, now we need to focus on:

- renovation of the property that will house the chaplain and meeting space.
- furniture for the chaplain’s apartment as well as the meeting spaces in the new building.
- providing for a portion of our budget (\$20,000) that the diocese has asked us to provide.

Each of these items comes with a significant price tag. Please consider attending the Gala and purchasing from the auction, donating one time or becoming a monthly donor. Various sponsor levels are available and can be found online at www.umwatholic.org/gala.



UMW Catholic Campus Ministry

The Light of Christ

2020 Gala & Silent Auction



March 28, 2020 | 6 to 9 pm

Chandler Ballroom at the

University of Mary Washington

www.umwatholic.org/gala

Tickets: \$60

Auction Items Include: A trip for two to Rome, Autographed Apollo 11 memorabilia and more!



For more information on the Gala & Silent Auction or to help us in any way, please contact Kat Sarfati at admin@umwccm.org

Volunteers of the Semester



Gail and Gary Domaleski—Gail and Gary have been helping out with the Catholic Campus Ministry at UMW for 20 years. Gail is

practically queen of the kitchen and routinely trains the new students on safe food handling and keeping the kitchen clean. Gail and Gary also usually head up one or two big events for the students each semester. They also help with the annual gala and are generous donors to the center every year.



Cecelia Landries—Cecelia has been volunteering at the Catholic Campus Ministry for 9 years, she is a UMW alumni and knows the benefit that the ministry pro-

vides for the students. She is often found in the kitchen helping Gail, or helping us last minute to fill gaps when we need just one more set of hands.

A Word From Father...

Fr. Christopher Vaccaro, Chaplain

One of the hallmarks of our ministry is that we try to be an active presence on the UMW campus. One of the events held on campus is the annual Eucharistic Procession and All-Night Adoration. On a campus of about 3,000 students we see a large outpouring of attendees to the procession and some people staying for hours in Adoration; including non-Catholics who have stayed for 3 or 4 hours at a time. Several of our students have had profound and transformative conversion experiences. We process the Lord on campus and adore Him there as we show that Christ cares for each of the UMW students and staff. In addition, we do so to witness to the fact that Jesus is Lord of the campus. We must never tire of proclaiming boldly the Truth of our faith. Please pray for that the UMW Catholic community keeps growing in desire to be witnesses of the Lord on campus.



Maria DeLuca

Introducing Maria DeLuca, Associate Campus Minister

I am originally from New Jersey and I grew up in close proximity to New York City. It is in this area that I first became acquainted with my faith although truly seeking the Lord didn't happen until years later. I went to a private Catholic high school followed by college at Seton Hall University. At first, these schools served as springboards for my athletic ambition, however, it is at Seton Hall that I found my faith in a real and deep way. There I was able to put athletics in the back seat and put Christ in the front seat.

As a student I was pursued by Christ through Catholic missionaries whose primary goal was reaching the student athletes. I was so moved by their witness that I became a missionary myself for five years. My goal was to invest in college students by sharing the Gospel, leading Bible study, teaching students how to pray, and giving them the call to discipleship. This mission took me to University of Wisconsin-Madison, The United States Coast Guard Academy, and the University of Vermont. I have always loved ministry but I decided to put this particular type of mission work aside to pursue a master's degree in Counseling at Divine Mercy University. Still invested in mission however, I have followed the Lord's call as a campus minister here at the University of Mary Washington. Although there is a transition from missionary to campus minister, I seek to serve the Lord daily by serving these students and preparing the Catholic Campus Ministry to be a place where the Lord dwells in the hearts of those who find their home here.

Introducing Kevin McGraw, Associate Campus Minister

Greetings in the Lord Jesus Christ!

Before I share what is happening here at the St. John Bosco Center, I would like to share how I came here! Originally from Elida, Ohio, I graduated from Bowling Green State University in 2011. Over the next two years, I served in campus ministry at St. Thomas More University Parish and Newman Center in Bowling Green, Ohio, while also working as a broadcaster of high school sports both for Holy Family Radio and for the West Ohio Sports Network, both in northwest Ohio.



Kevin McGraw

In 2013, I began formation for religious life and priesthood with the Redemptorists, founded by one of my favorite saints, St. Alphonsus Liguori. St. Alphonsus has a radical love of the Lord Jesus, as well as great zeal for the mission of preaching the Gospel to the poor and most abandoned, that is, souls most in need of encountering the love of Christ. However, even though I have this devotion to St. Alphonsus, after roughly six years of formation, the last three of which I lived in temporary vows of poverty, chastity and obedience, the Redemptorists and I discerned that God was calling me to serve Him and His Church elsewhere.

Since June 2019, I have had the great blessing to serve the Lord and His Church as Associate Campus Minister here at the University of Mary Washington (UMW) on behalf of the Diocese of Arlington. Over this first half-year of serving as Campus Minister, I have enjoyed my time here as well as my laboring for the glory of God and the salvation of souls. What more important work is there? The one thing necessary is to bring souls to Christ so that He may transform their lives and call them to be saints, the same call He has for you and I.

There are two highlights I would like to share with you. The first one is that on September 5, 2019, we held our annual procession with the Blessed Sacrament, the Holy Eucharist, on the UMW campus and followed with All-Night Adoration which went for close to 12 hours until the next morning, Sept. 6. I hear stories of how this great act of faith and worship of the Lord has brought about blessings, and even conversions, in the lives of college students.

The second highlight is our Freshmen retreat which took place at the end of September. With the assistance of some of the student leaders, I organized this retreat for incoming freshmen students at UMW and Germanna Community College. The freshmen students spent Friday evening and most of Saturday on retreat, which consisted of Mass and Confession, Eucharistic Adoration, talks on prayer and living as a Catholic in college, and time to develop and grow friendships with their peers.

Finally, I ask for your support of our mission as the Catholic Campus Ministry at UMW. Our mission is to call young adults to deepen their faith in Christ during their college years to prepare for living as a His missionary disciple after college. Please pray that we remain faithful to this mission and I am grateful for your support of time, talent, and treasure.

God bless you!

We challenge our students to invite a friend to every mass...

When was the last time you invited a friend to mass?

“Many, Many people around here aren’t becoming Christians for one reason only: There is nobody to make them Christians”

-St. Francis Xavier



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The Eucharist at UMW

By Matt Malanga, President

One can argue that there are many that know God, but how many people truly *know God*. *Maybe, a fairer way of stating this would be, "One can argue that there are many that know God intellectually, but how many people truly know God as a person?"*

If people truly *knew God*, our churches would be bursting at the seams and we would have vibrant parishes that are reaching out to those in their communities articulating to them the amazing Love and Freedom that comes from living the Gospel. This, sadly, is not the case with only about one-third of Catholics believing in the True Presence.

This idea of *knowing God* is the call of a disciple. It is one thing to have knowledge of God intellectually, but another to have the conviction within our heart that manifests in concretely willing to following Him as His disciple. This ultimately is what he wants from us; to will every day to love Him.

One of the biggest pieces of advice that was given to me is to "stay close to Christ in the Eucharist". The famous phrase is that the Eucharist is the "Source and Summit" of our Faith; everything comes from and leads back to the Eucharist. Thus, a solid integration into the Sacramental life is a huge step in one coming to *know Christ and be His disciple*.

The Saint John Bosco Center here at the University of Mary Washington makes this integration into the Sacramental life very easy. With the opportunity to receive Christ at Mass six days a week, the opportunity to spend time with Him face-to-face in Adoration over five hours a week, and the chapel doors open nearly 24/7; it is

difficult to say, "He wasn't available". What a great blessing we have here!

I pray that this deliberate way of becoming integrated into the Sacramental life here at the Saint John Bosco Center bears fruit in graduates becoming parishioners that are so in love with Christ, that others follow their lead.

"Stay close to Christ in the Eucharist"

Ways to help the Catholic Campus Ministry:

- ◇ Pray.
- ◇ Provide for the Financial Needs of the Ministry.
- ◇ Volunteer at the Catholic Campus Ministry @ UMW.

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