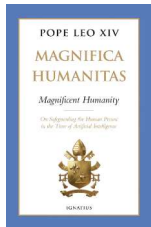




Campus Ministry
All are welcome. All belong.

Campus Ministry Notes

- Our summer read continues on Wednesday, July 15th at 7:00 pm at 1517 9th Avenue South. *Magnifica Humanitas* is a great little encyclical to delve into together. We are on Chapter One for this week's discussion (#17-45). If you need a copy of the encyclical please contact Roy at (217) 512-0949.



As we gear up for another academic year, we are reminded of the five Sisters of Providence who stepped out in faith and

trusted in our providential God to guide their steps and horses. Let us continue to place our trust in God as we make this year a time to draw our students to live deeply their call.

- There is a wonderful idea that once a month after Sunday Mass we should offer an opportunity to gather to share a meal. We will work on this with the hopes of beginning in September. We need to work with Res life on this.



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July 12, 2026
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saint(s) of the Week

Robert Ellsberg is the author of a number of books including, *All Saints* and *The Saints Guide to Happiness*. Over the next few weeks some of Mr. Ellsberg's insights into the saints will grace our bulletin. Hopefully these little tidbits will entice you to go deeper into the lives of our friends, the saints.

Saturday, July 12 is the feast day of St. Veronica. This saint from the first century is known throughout the church as "a woman who encountered Christ as he labored under the weight of the cross on his way to Golgotha. Moved by compassion she wiped his face with her veil, which later, miraculously, bore the imprint of his features." (*All Saints*, p. 298)



The truth is there is nothing in the gospels telling us of this story of Veronica. The earliest reference comes in the 4th century. Her name comes from the miracle itself: *vera icon* (true image). What has happened over time is the interest focused on the miracle of the veil and not on the act of charity that preceded it. As we know, the story of Veronica has become part of the stations of the cross. As Ellsberg states, "Veronica is the faithful disciple who ought to have been in the gospel story. She performs the act of mercy that we *ought* to have performed, had we been there" (p. 299).

The reality is we do not know if she was a disciple. "She was simply a woman who responded compassionately to a man in pain and anguish, a convicted felon on his way to death. Veronica wiped his face with her veil. And in the miraculous image left behind he revealed his true identity" (p.299). This veil is kept at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome and is brought out once a year on the fifth Sunday of Lent.

Small acts of sacrifice and compassion, which are performed out

of love for God are known as "Veronica's veils." She is the patron saint of photographers, laundry workers, and folks suffering with bleeding disorders. St. Veronica, Pray for us.





A View from My Window

I dearly hope that everyone of you has a friend or family member that is a great storyteller. Whether it is in the written word or reading aloud a bed time story or series. My favorite type of storyteller is known as a raconteur. This comes from the

French. It means a person who tells anecdotes in a skillful and amusing way. He or she can weave a story and have you whiling away the afternoon or evening with them as they share occurrences in their life, some you may have actually been a part of.

The Moth is an organization that is committed to encouraging folks to tell their story. They have story slams and life stage performances. You can listen to them on PBS stations. Their purpose is straightforward: *we aim to connect humanity through the power of personal storytelling through workshops for students, educators, adults, advocates, and professionals.* Sometimes I imagine myself on stage at The Moth.

Sher and I have a friend who is an amazing storyteller. His name is David Philippart. We met him during our time at the University of Notre Dame. David could captivate us for hours as he shared stories from his life growing up in Detroit. I have never been to Detroit, but David brought it to life for us as he shared tales.

I think what I like about a raconteur is that they take a true story and in their telling they have it come alive as only they can. It may be a bit embellished, but it is true in the telling. In the listening we discover depth of meaning. Dr. Suess shows us this in his very first book “And to Think That I Saw It on Mulberry Street.” It is a fun story. There is truth in what the young man saw, and there is truth in his imagination run wild.

Jesus is a masterful storyteller. He used a medium of his day *mashal*. Taking everyday events, he wove parables for his disciples and those who were listening to help them understand the truths of the kingdom of God. In the telling of parables Jesus gives to us the joy of living the gospel.

Peace,

Roy

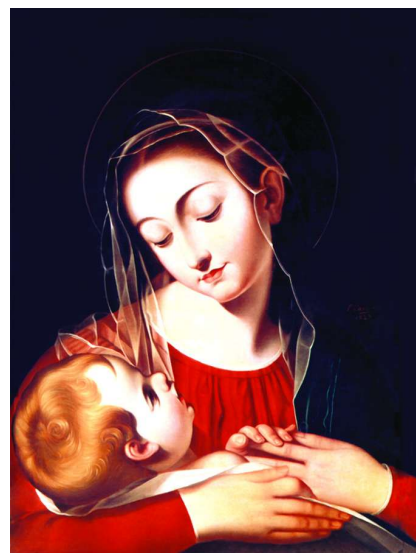
Our Lady of Providence

Pray for Us

Please pray for the following intention:

Our Lady of Providence, Mother of the Church, pray for our university. Keep us safe as we navigate a path forward and place our trust in the providential care of God.

Add any other intentions and then pray one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and one Glory Be. Then close with the Novena Prayer:



Remember, O most faithful Lady of Providence, that you have been given to us by your Son to be our mother.

We entrust to you our labors; bless them.

We commend to you our needs; supply them.

Show for us the same concern you manifested at Cana,

for we trust that whatever you ask of your Son will be done.

Pray for us on our pilgrimage that we may share the faith and hope that marked your life.

Full of confidence in your power before God, we place ourselves, our loved ones and all our petitions in your providential care.

Amen.

