

Campus Ministry
All are welcome. All belong.



LABRÉ MINISTRY

Join us in making sandwiches in the Student Center and then going downtown to serve our local unhoused population.

(GREAT WAY TO GET SERVICE HOURS)

MEET AT 4:30 PM

STUDENT CENTER → DOWNTOWN GREAT FALLS

EVERY MONDAY

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UNIVERSITY OF PROVIDENCE
CAMPUS MINISTRY

September 27, 2026
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

OCIA
ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

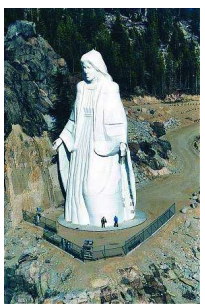
The journey of faith many times has an "aha" moment. It can be a "God knocked me off my horse and spoke to me," but for most of us it is much more subtle. What do we do with this moment? The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) is a process by which folks can explore where God is leading them. It combines, prayer, study of the Gospel and instruction in Catholic teachings.

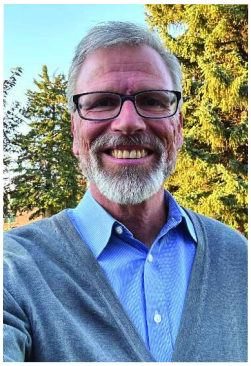
The first six weeks, sometimes called a Period of Inquiry, give interested folks an opportunity to get a foundational understanding of who God is and discover how God might be speaking to them.

Interested? Come be part of this weekly gathering and enter into a conversation about what we hold to be good, beautiful, and true, and see if God is inviting you to become Catholic. See Roy for details.

Campus Ministry Notes

- There is one small group starting this week: A *women's small group*, facilitated by our very own Simona Rizzon, is meeting on *Mondays at 7:30 pm* at the Student Center (upstairs by the ping pong table). Others will begin this next week.
- Even though it is only the end of September, we are thinking about Spring Break and our *Faith in Action Immersion Trips.* This year we will offer two trips: St. Francis Inn in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and Christian Appalachia Project's Workfest in Eastern Kentucky. Both will require a plane ticket, so we will need to get students to commit before Christmas break. *Applications will be out the first week of October.* For more information please talk with Matthew Pietropaoli or Roy Lanham.
- Let's go on a *pilgrimage* to *Our Lady of the Rockies* on Friday, October 23rd. This is during fall break at UP. A pilgrimage is a journey to a sacred or holy site. It does involve some walking/hiking and prayer along the way. It is a chance for you to reflect on your journey of life and to be a step in your own spiritual transformation. Interested? Sign up at the Campus Ministry office.





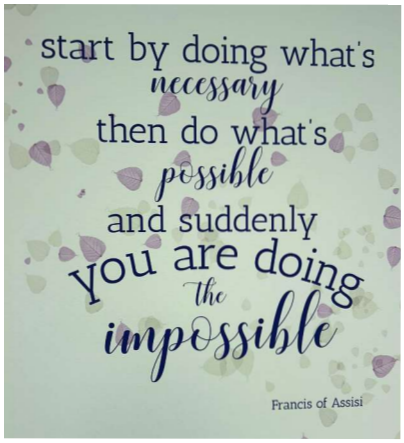
A View from My Window

I have two thoughts from today's readings that are bouncing around in my head.

In today's second reading, we hear the hymn of Philippi (verses 6-11). Most scripture scholars believe the words are from an early Christian hymn, and Paul incorporated it into his letter to the Philippians. Paul writes this letter between 60-62 AD. This is around 30 years after Christ's death and resurrection. It is so amazing to think we have the words to a song that is 2,000 years old. I wonder if Paul was humming the melody as he wrote the words down to his friends in Philippi. He wrote the letter while he was in prison. I wonder if that particular sung prayer sustained him. I would like to think so.

What words from scripture or what hymn based on scripture sustains you? What has you humming as you walk the way? It can and is part of your prayer if you believe it is part of the mandate to pray without ceasing.

I was visiting a local business a few weeks ago and on their wall was a quote attributed to St. Francis of Assisi. It is a favorite quote of mine. I snapped a pic. The son who refuses to do what his father asks and then has a change of heart reminded me that I had that photo in my photo library. So often we are presented with options. Do we watch the Notre Dame football game or get some yard work done? Okay, that one is too easy. Our father would always want us to watch the ND game first.



The truth is we are invited by the Father to do what is necessary. The love of God compels us to imitate this love in all we do. It is important to remind ourselves that it is not either/or, rather it is both/and. By loving God and our neighbor first and foremost the impossible will happen. We will see our family and friends and ourselves as children of God.

Peace,

Roy



