

Campus Ministry

All are welcome. All belong.

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October 18, 2026
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Alternative Spring Break Mission Trips

Faith in Action Immersion Trips are happening! Spring Break: March 7-13, 2027. 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 are live! Get Excited! Sign up today!** Space is limited to 18 students (9 at each site). Cost is $150. For more information please talk with Matthew Pietropaoli or Roy Lanham.

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.

In your light we will see the light

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)

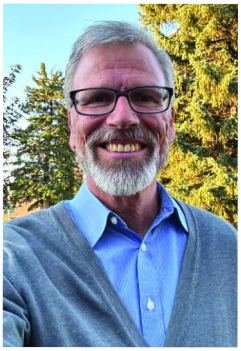
MEET AT 4:30 PM

STUDENT CENTER → DOWNTOWN GREAT FALLS

EVERY MONDAY

Scan QR code to sign up! →

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A View from My Window

Last weekend alumni gathered on our campus for Argo Weekend. It was fun hearing stories and meeting alumni who have fond memories of their time at CGF/ UGF/UP. And while the Advancement Office wanted alumni to come back to campus to remember and reconnect, we also wanted folks to create new memories and connections.

I am reading an article about memory and I came across a quote from Fredrick Buechner. “You can kiss your family and friends goodbye and put miles between you, but at the same time you carry them with you in your heart, your mind, your stomach, because you do not just live in a world but a world lives in you.”

How wonderful that a phone call, a story shared by someone, a snippet of a song or the aroma of fresh baked bread can trigger your brain to recall a memory, whether it brings you joy or pain. However, it is not like you pull the memory from a filing cabinet and open the file folder. In the article I am reading, Kerry Temple states, “The brain reconstructs the experience, reactivating the same neural pathways that fired during the original event.”

In high school I signed off my notes in my friends’ yearbooks with “R.M.A.” It stands for “Remember Me Always.” I am sure I really hoped we would indeed remember each other and the times we shared. The truth is I have very few memories from those four years: A Styx Concert, going on an early morning eagle count with my history teacher, getting caught playing frisbee in front of the school during English class, failing everyone of my Physics tests and still receiving a B from Mr. Bollinger. I suppose this is why folks return for their class reunions to hear stories and to share stories and to “remember when.”

I am glad the four evangelists wrote down the stories/memories of the apostles and the early Christian community.of their encounter with the Lord. What a treasure it is for us to encounter the Lord through the gospels and to make them our own as we encounter the Lord anew.

Peace,

Roy



