



DUKE Catholic Center

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Can We Talk About Sex-- in Church?

I'm sure you have known for some time, but I only recently learned that Student Health and other official groups at Duke have been promoting parties for female students where sex toys are sold and their use encouraged. It seems that masturbation is preferred to promiscuous sex and the risk of disease associated with hooking up.

I don't know the extent of hooking up at Duke, but I agree that serial intercourse, or any intercourse outside of marriage is a cause for concern. I disagree that our only concern should be STDs. Are sex toys and pleasuring ones' self the way to resolve the problem, or does that merely "treat" the symptom? Is orgasm the purpose of sex, or is this wonderful gift to promote holy relationship and the transmission of life? Is it routine or is it sacred?

It is impossible to fully discuss this topic in a few sentences here. But maybe this is a place to begin.

The starting point of Catholic moral teaching is not what is forbidden, or sinful. The starting point is an understanding of the beauty of all God's creation-- every aspect of it. How do we appreciate the gift of life and live our lives to the full? How do we resolve stress? How do we establish meaningful, committed, lasting, life-giving relationships? You may want to discuss that with me, and I am happy to do so.

Perhaps you can recommend good times, places and formats? But I can understand why some would prefer to discuss such personal matters with a close friend, a peer, or a parent. I recommend that each of us think about this and discuss it with someone.

Perhaps do some research to see what wise people have to say and to better understand Catholic teaching.

I don't think sex toys are the solution. But I do think we have a problem. Let's work on it together.

--Fr. Joe Vetter joe.vetter@duke.edu 919.684.1882

TODAY'S HYMNS

Gathering:	Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven	551
Psalm 100:	We Are God's People	97
Presentation:	You Are All We Have	505
Communion:	The Harvest of Justice	711
Meditation:	All That We Have	618
Recessional:	Prayer of St. Francis	726

That bread which you keep belongs to the hungry; that coat which you preserve in your wardrobe, to the naked; those shoes which are rotting in your possession, to the shoeless; that gold which you have hidden in the ground, to the needy. Wherefore, as often as you are able to help others, and refuse, so often did you do wrong. - St. Augustine

MASS and SACRAMENTS:

Sunday Mass

11 am, White Lecture Hall,
East Campus
9 pm, Duke Chapel

Daily Mass: See weekly schedule on back

Reconciliation

4-5pm Monday and Wednesday, Duke Catholic Center, 037 Chapel Basement
5:30-6:30pm Tuesday, Falcone-Arena House
Or anytime by appointment.

Marriage

Marriage in the Catholic Church requires a preparation period of at least 6 months. Contact Fr. Joe Vetter or Fr. John McDonagh as soon as you are engaged to begin the process.

Baptism

Baptism of infants is celebrated for active members of the Duke Catholic community. Contact Fr. Joe Vetter or Fr. John McDonagh for details.

Christian Initiation

Persons interested in learning more about the Catholic Church or becoming Catholic should contact Catherine Preston.

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Post Graduate Service Fair

*Wednesday, November 11, 11:00am to 1:00pm,
Bryan Center- Schaefer Mall*

Graduation will be here before you know it... Have you considered doing a year of volunteer service? As a volunteer, you may have the opportunity to: acquire real world work experience, work for social justice and poverty relief, strengthen your faith, live in community with other volunteers, gain student loan repayment, secure health insurance coverage, obtain international relief and development experience.

Co-sponsored by Catholic Network of Volunteer Service and Duke Catholic Center.

Wide Awake!

Friday, November 13 from 6pm – midnight at the Student Union, Great Hall, Univ. of North Carolina-Chapel Hill

Living Wide Awake in Christ is the call of every Catholic Christian. Wide Awake Chapel Hill brings together college students who have not yet awakened to the joy of life and Christ, and those who have and want to go deeper. Come hear music, inspiring speakers, student stories of waking up, and workshops to help us live the fullness of life. Workshops for campus ministers and other pastoral staff facilitate the formation of awakening, evangelistic ministries on campus and in parishes.

The conference will be held Friday, November 13 from 6 p.m. to midnight at the Student Union, Great Hall, at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill.

For more information, the conference video and to register - *Facebook at Wide Awake Chapel Hill.*

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

First Reading: 1 Kgs 17:10-16
Second Reading: Heb 9:24-28
Gospel: Mk 12:38-44
Weekday readings: <http://www.usccb.org/nab/>



Small Groups are here!

Take one hour each week to spend some time in prayer, discussion, fellowship and community. Make new friends and grow closer to God! Feel free to contact any of the leaders with questions or just show up!

Freshman Bible Study

Monday 7:30pm Falcone-Arena House
Contact Rob Won (robert.won@duke.edu)
or Sarah Brubaker
(sarah.brubaker@duke.edu)

Men's Prayer group with Adoration

Monday 9:30pm Falcone-Arena House
Contact Steven Saroki
(stephen.saroki@duke.edu)

Scripture Study Group

*Thursday 7pm DukeCatholic Center
Chapel Basement Office*
Contact Jen Midura
(jennifer.midura@duke.edu) or Shane Hunt
(shane.hunt@duke.edu)

Women's Prayer Group

Thursday 9pm Chapel Basement
Contact Michelle Barreto
(michelle.barreto@duke.edu) or Stephanie
Darand (steph.darand@duke.edu)

Contact Small Group coordinator Amanda Anderson or Student director Kaitlyn Sanders for further information!

Grad and Professional Student Dinner

Thursday, November 19, Falcone-Arena House

Come at 5pm and cook with Alfonso Puente, Fuqua, and Dr Jose Ribas, Medical Center, and learn some tips of Ecuadorian cooking. Dinner at 6 PM. Offering of \$3 to help defray food costs.

Come and meet Catholics from across the campus.

Spring 2010 House Course Catholic Church: Changes and Challenges

Mondays, 7-8.30pm, Few HH 101 Media Room

Instructors: Conor Irwin'12, Nick Tsipis'11 and Ryan Finley'13.

Guest lecturers:

Professors Alma Blout – School of Public Policy;

Sam Miglarese -- Religion Department

Kerry McCarthy– Music Department

Sarah Schroth – Nasher Art Museum

Bob Thompson – Psychology Department.

Sponsor: Fr. John.

The course is listed on ACES as "House CS 79-6"

Any questions, please contact any of the Instructors or Fr. John (john.mcdonagh@duke.edu).

Tuesday Night Dinner

Tuesdays, 6:30pm, Falcone-Arena House

Come to Tuesday Night Dinner this and every Tuesday starting at 6:30pm in the Falcone-Arena House on Buchanan Blvd., behind Epworth dorm!

Enjoy a home-cooked meal made by your peers and great company. Only \$2 (Food Points!) for upperclassmen and FREE for freshmen and first-timers!

Eucharistic Adoration Rescheduled

Please note that adoration has been rescheduled for November 19 at 9pm in Memorial Chapel in Duke Chapel.

Grad and Professional Student Ignatian Discernment Group

Tuesday, November 10, 7:30pm, Falcone-Arena House

"What am I doing in Grad School?" "Where am I going?" "How do I discern?"

Participate in the Ignatian Discernment Group for Graduate Students. Facilitated by Tyler Mahoney, Divinity and Dr Jose Ribas, Medical Center, we learn how to distinguish between good and evil spirits and to be more aware of the Lord in our lives. Meets twice a month. First meeting engaging and well attended. Questions? Please contact Fr. John.

How do Catholics think about God, Death, Sex and Politics?

Undergraduate course, listed as Div 175 - "An Introduction to Catholic Thought"

Meets: M/W/F 8.45 - 9.35 AM 0012 Westbrook, Duke Divinity School

Instructor: Paul J. Griffiths, Warren Professor of Catholic Theology at Duke Divinity School

The Catholic intellectual tradition deeply influences every aspect of Western culture for two thousand years. Read the central texts of the Catholic Tradition, understand its practices, and debate its ideas: What makes a text 'Catholic'? What is human nature? What is sex for? What does death mean?

Questions or more information, contact pgriffiths@div.duke.edu



THIS WEEK

MON	5:15pm	Mass, Divinity School, Goodson Chapel
TUES	12:00pm	Mass, Duke Hospital, 6th Floor Chapel
	6:30pm	Tuesday Night Dinner, Falcone-Arena House
WED	5:15pm	Mass, Duke Chapel Crypt
THURS	11:30am	Mass, Yoh Football Building, 2nd Floor, Team Meeting Room
FRI	5:00pm	Mass, Fuqua School of Business, 2nd Floor, Seminar Rm. B
SUN	11:00am	Mass, Richard White Lecture Hall, East Campus
	9:00pm	Mass, Duke Chapel, West Campus

Nightly prayer, Mon-Thurs., 10 pm in the Divinity School prayer room

Mission

- To provide a welcoming Catholic community on campus.
- To nurture faith and intellectual growth within the Catholic tradition.
- To foster full Christian participation and leadership in the Church and society.
- To inspire lives of service and social justice.
- To promote integration of spiritual and intellectual life at Duke.

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