Throughout the last few years the Duke Catholic Center has focused on outreach to various different student groups on campus. One of the larger constituents for the Center is student-athletes — our Catholic Blue Devils! Between their academic work and their involvement in sports, student-athletes’ lives are very busy, making it difficult for them to find time for their faith. However, despite their hectic schedule, many of the Catholic student-athletes are not hindered from keeping their faith centered in their lives.

“The pressures of student life at Duke are really demanding; throwing in the rigors and time demands of being a student-athlete can create an environment of a completely stressed-filled life,” said head football coach David Cutcliffe. “I’ve seen firsthand that so many of our athletes do find proper balance and peace through their involvement with the Catholic Center. Whether it’s Mass, special events, or various daily opportunities that are available, they find the support and peace away from their school and sport.”

Throughout the last several years the various coaches have invited the Duke Catholic Center to be a part of their teams in various different ways. Duke Catholic Center Director Fr. Mike Martin, OFM Conv. has given pre-game talks to the men’s lacrosse team during the NCAA tournament. The Catholic Center also traveled with the football team and held services for the team and fans during certain away games. In addition, many athletes attend Catholic Center activities on their own time.

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Reflections from Fr. Mike

“When you see me pray before games I am not asking for a victory as reflected on the scoreboard, but rather a victory of strength, discipline, and teamwork.”

Mike Kreykowski (Pray Win, Mr. GCC Prayer Book)

The marriage of athletics and faith is made in heaven. While many may claim otherwise as they read headlines and watch antics of some of the unfortunate manifestations of professional (and even little league) sport, I am convinced of the gift that pure athleticism can be in the spiritual life. And if that is true, then I have been, by some miracle of St. Sebastian (patron saint of athletes), dipped into the middle of the Catholic Dream Team here at Duke University. Who knew that a place that has officially moved away from its religious heritage could at times so beautifully blend faith and athletics, all in an atmosphere that shelters academic pursuits – something which a cynical world does not always associate with either sports or faith!

Who makes up this Catholic Dream Team? It is easy to run to the obvious suspects. At the Duke Catholic Center we are blessed with support by some high profile Catholics in the Athletic Department, as mentioned in our cover article. But I believe the real stars of our Dream Team are our Catholic student-athletes who pursue their faith on and off the court (track, field, pool, pitch...). That these young men and women desire a deeper relationship with Christ, while pushing themselves to physical limits each and every day, is impressive. They speak by their lives and dedication to “strength, discipline, and teamwork” – hallmarks of championship performances and the life of faith. Is it any wonder that St. Paul’s reference to “run so as to win!” (1 Cor 9:24) has such play for athletes and the non-athletic as well?

I am blessed to hear an entrée into the lives of these student-athletes (and coaches/staff) through the Athletic Department. It gives me an opportunity to connect in the midst of the world that means so much to them, to meet them where they are. I am complimenting that it also often gives me an opportunity to watch high level championship caliber football, basketball, lacrosse, baseball (etc.) Absolutely not - I love it! You know what they say about converts - they are usually the most passionate. Having been an ardent Duke fan prior to coming here, my conversion took a relatively short period of time. Simply being around these wonderful young men and women, as well as the coaches, administrators and staff - especially those that share our Catholic faith - has turned me true blue.

Athletics, like religion, is a place where there are more than a few charlatans and false prophets. While we all struggle each and every day to be authentic before the Lord and in the other important areas of our lives, may we continue to pray before the game each day. May we look for victories that may not always be marked by the scoreboards in which others glory. But may we always strive for “a victory of strength, discipline, and teamwork” in Christ that will grant us a far greater glory in this life and the life to come.

The Duke Blue Devil (continued)

“It is definitely very busy, especially during basketball season, but I always make sure to find time for Sunday Mass,” said Becca Greenwell, a red-shirt sophomore on the women’s basketball team. “I look forward to Sunday Mass because it’s a chance to get away from all the stress, wind down, and regroup after a long week...finding that time for faith can easily be lost through the craziness of college life, but it’s definitely manageable and worth it.”

One of the big advantages the Catholic Center has in reaching out to student-athletes is that many prominent coaches and athletic administrators on campus are also Catholic. The staff members serve as role models for the student-athletes, as well as the rest of the Catholic students on campus.

“When I see another Duke athlete or coach at a DCC event I smile a little bit,” said volleyball junior Jordan Tucker. “It is nice to see other people who are proving that it is possible to be successful in your sport and also successful in your faith life.”

Some of these administrators, coaches and faculty, including Director of Athletics Kevin White, have made the Duke Catholic Center their home. They attend a wide variety of activities throughout the year, including Sunday Mass, Tuesday Night Dinner and Holy Hour.

“Any event that I have ever been a part of related to the Duke Catholic Center has made an impact on my life,” said head men’s lacrosse coach John Danowski. “Tuesday night dinners at the Falcone-Arena House, preparing togethe food for a Saturday home game listening to a Father Mike homily on a Sunday morning, going to Mass on Thursdays at the Yoh Football Building, sitting in quiet meditation at Holy Hour on Wednesday evenings, Easter Sunday Mass at the Duke gardens – all have made my experience at Duke richer and more fulfilling. To the Catholic students on campus.

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Duke Catholic Center by the Numbers: 
AVERAGE DURING THE 2014-2015 ACADEMIC YEAR

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* Figures reflect attendance at DCC activities and other events at the Duke Catholic Center who have been going for five or more consecutive years.
Welcome!  

FRIAR MANNY  

The Duke Catholic Center is extremely pleased to add Friar Emanuel Vasconcelos (Friar Manny) as ministry intern to our staff for the 2015-2016 academic year. The Conventual Franciscans have Friar Manny at the DCC to serve during his apostolic year, by which he will be able to experience a year of ministry alongside the other staff that works here.

“I look forward to being of assistance to the many students who utilize the DCC, as well as to those I will meet in passing,” said Friar Manny.

“I am sure that, while I am here to minister to the students, there will be many times when students inadvertently minister to me through their witness!”

Friar Manny plans to make his solemn vows as a Franciscan in August 2016. He is studying at The Catholic University of America in Washington DC where he is pursuing a Master in Divinity. Before becoming a friar, he worked as a high school campus minister.

Natalia Siegel has also joined the Catholic Center staff as Development Assistant. A native New Yorker, Natalia graduated from The Catholic University of America in Washington DC in 2011 with a degree in Politics and a concentration in Peace Studies. After CUA, she worked with DC middle school youth through an education non-profit.

Rivals on the Court  

This past year the Duke Catholic Center was blessed to be visited by Fr. Pete McCormick, the Director of Campus Ministry at the University of Notre Dame. Fr. Pete had come to do a complete analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of DCC programming, and to offer suggestions for improvement. Fr. Pete spent four days at Duke, attending various DCC activities and interviewing DCC students and staff. Fr. Pete presented his findings individually to DCC staff and to the DCC Advisory Board Spring Meeting.

A Church WITHOUT WALLS  

Over the past several years the Duke Catholic Center has found a home in the Duke Chapel, where it has held its traditional 9pm Mass, baptized Duke babies, and married Duke alumni in the chapel chancel. The Duke Catholic Center was one of the first religious life groups on campus to hold events in the Duke Chapel basement, eventually creating offices there for its staff. This past year seven of the ten Duke Catholic Center staff members worked in the offices of the Duke Chapel basement.

In May, Duke Chapel closed its doors to students, staff and visitors, as constructions crews moved in to do some much needed renovation work in the chancel of Duke Chapel. While initially not thought to impact the basement offices, it has since been determined that the basement had also to be closed, resulting in Duke Catholic Center services and offices moving to various spaces on and off campus.

For the next year, all Duke Catholic Center Sunday Masses will be celebrated in Goodson Chapel in the Duke Divinity School. In addition, Duke Catholic Center offices and daily Masses have been temporarily relocated to the Falcone-Arena House across from East campus. Duke Chapel is not expected to open again until mid-Spring. Despite the move, the Duke Catholic Center is looking forward to the next year.

“We will take to heart Jesus’ words in Luke 9:58: ‘Foxes have dens and birds of the sky have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to rest his head,’” said Duke Catholic Director Fr. Mike Martin, OFM Conv. “The Holy Spirit is still the soul of our ministry here at the DCC, and God’s Spirit is never damned.”
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# Wish List 2015-2016

**SMALL GROUPS**

- Study materials for ten groups: $250
- Student training for one-on-one mentoring: $350/student
- Food for ten small group meetings: $200/week
- Leadership Recognition Dinner: $500

**MISSION TRIP**

- International Spring Break: $1600
- Domestic Spring Break: $450
- New Kenyan Summer: $1800

**FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS**

- Christopher West Speaking Engagement: $3000
- CyoPAX Program—YOUCAT Books and Study Guides: $2500
- RCIA and Confirmation Programs: $1000

**OTHER ITEMS**

- Fuqua mentoring program for Student Directors: $500
- Busy Students Retreat Dinner: $100
- Freshmen Ice Cream Social during Orientation Week: $150
- Sponsor 1 student on Assisi Pilgrimage: $1000
- Student training for one-on-one mentoring: $2500
- 3 Tabernacle Refurbishment: $450
- Holy Water Fonts: $120
- Musician-per-week: $300
- Sponsor 10 students to attend Thomas International Centre Gala: $1000
- Welcome Bags for freshmen (crosses, books, bags): $1000
- Musical Instruments (alto sax, flute, piccolo, trombone, keyboard, trumpet): $600-$1500

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**TOTAL REVENUE $803,173.56**

- Program Fees: $31,659.74
- Endowments: $2,498.81
- Other Grants: $14,750.00
- Other Income: $2,102.11

**TOTAL EXPENSES $795,522.65**

- Administrative: $72,274.37
- Development: $188,566.04
- Spiritual Formation: $50,773.85
- Building a Catholic Community: $70,144.81
- Social Justice: $29,009.24
- Capital: $50,959.68
- Plant: $255,577.01

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A Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi for Duke Alumni/Parents
February 15-26, 2016 12 Days

The Duke Alumni Association and the Duke Catholic Center invite our alumni, parents and friends to a very special twelve-day Franciscan pilgrimage to Assisi and Rome. A pilgrimage is often described as a spiritual experience in which you “pray with your feet” while traveling to sacred sites. As we join in the footsteps of Francis and Clare, visiting the places they themselves encountered Christ and helped others to encounter Him as well. We hope you will be able to join us and other Catholic Dukies for this unforgettable trip!

For more information and to register, please visit: http://katholic.duke.edu/dukecenter/dukecenter/dukecenter/pilgrimage/
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