

# DUKE CATHOLIC

THE DUKE CATHOLIC CENTER NEWSLETTER

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## THE FEAST OFF EAST!

DCC WELCOMES DUKE FRESHMEN STUDENTS



**M**ove-in day: the day where new “Dukies” come to campus, move into their freshman dormitory, and begin their life at Duke. It is a very busy day, filled with unpacking boxes, meeting new people, and saying goodbye to parents and loved ones. The Duke Catholic Center wanted to help welcome the freshmen and help make their lives a little easier.



So this year the Duke Catholic Center invited freshmen and their families to the “Feast off East,” a dinner the night before move-in day, at the Falcone-Arena

House located across the street from East Campus. Over 150 people, including freshmen and their families, attended. Freshmen made connections with other Catholic freshmen, families exchanged contact information, and everyone had a wonderful meal. At this feast the new Duke Students were able to acquaint themselves with the Catholic Center, as well as its students and staff, before Duke Orientation had even begun. 



# CATHOLIC STUDENTS MAKE THE MOST OUT OF FALL BREAK

For the first time in recent memory, the Duke Catholic Center hosted Fall Break programs for DCC students. Fall Break is a period of time where students get 3 days off of classes as a mid-semester break. Some students go home to visit family. Many stay on campus and relax during the break. This year the Catholic Center asked students to consider two alternative programs! The students enthusiastically responded and two new Fall Break traditions have begun.

## Duc-in-Altum: *Put out into the deep!*



“Duc in Altum” was the main theme of the Duke Catholic Center’s last strategic plan. This Fall Break, it also became the theme of a new leadership retreat that trained students to be small faith-sharing group leaders and student faith mentors.



“Small groups are the evangelical heart of the Catholic Center,” said Laura Naslund ’19. “They are where we can bring people from believers to followers of Jesus. Small groups

support students in their faith lives at Duke and encourage them to look outwards to the greater community to be the love of Christ for those who need it most.”

In the past, the Catholic Center has sponsored students to participate in a training camp offered by Evangelical Catholic that teaches them the skills they need to lead small groups. This year, however, the DCC elected to tailor its approach to Duke

students in an effort to provide more comprehensive training. The original plan was to spend the break at the beach, but Hurricane Matthew blew those plans away, bringing the retreat back to the DCC’s Falcone-Arena House off campus in Durham. As it turns out, staying in Durham was exactly what they needed. The leadership retreat was very successful! Five students spent three days learning from our staff and a guest speaker, Josh Dart from Evangelical Catholic. Between prayers and seminars, the students and staff shared meals in Durham at several local restaurants.



“The retreat was a mix of reflecting on the mission of our ministry and learning practical ways to implement that mission,” said Laura. “First we asked ‘Why are we here?’ and then ‘What are we going to do about it?’ On the visioning side of things, we discussed what makes a disciple and what the responsibilities of a disciple are in sharing the Good News. On the practical side, we learned how to facilitate a small group and how to be a one-on-one discipleship mentor, someone who walks with a peer in their spiritual life.” 





## Fall Break Mission Trip

The Duke Catholic Center also sent 5 students with Associate Director Fr. Brad Heckathorne and Peer Ministry Coordinator Evan Wescott on a mission trip to Baltimore. They volunteered at three different sites across the city.

“It is important that students see that issues of poverty are not just problems in third world countries,” said Peer Ministry Coordinator Evan Wescott. “By doing a domestic mission trip in Baltimore, the students were able to escape the Duke ‘bubble’, but still gain the appreciation that justice issues are a universal problem that affect us right at home. It is the perfect balance.”

At a homeless shelter, the students prepared lunch for the residents and participated in an arts and crafts project with parents and their children. At a food pantry and employment center they prepared supply kits for 600 at-risk elderly. At a soup kitchen in downtown Baltimore, they joined thirty other volunteers and provided lunch for those in need.

“Ultimately it’s important for students to learn that we can’t leave these issues of poverty in the hands of the ‘more qualified,’” said Evan. “We are called to respond to the issues

of injustice in our world. To solve these issues, we need to make sacrifices of time, effort and money.”

In addition to accomplishing the mission work, this trip was also spiritual in nature. During their downtime, the group visited holy sites around the city including the Basilica of the Assumption and Basilica of Mary Our Queen. They also met other Franciscan Friars while having dinner at Archbishop Curley High School.

“We made it a Catholic trip,” said Evan. “We prayed together and went to Mass. It was an opportunity for students to not only engage in social justice issues, but also to ask questions about their faith and experience the faith with their peers.”

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– Evan Wescott,  
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A huge thanks for Gus Meny '20 and his parents, Robert Meny and Janet McHugh, for hosting the studentone evening in their home for dinner!



# DUKE CATHOLIC CENTER SAYS Goodbye to Bishop Burbidge

Pope Francis recently appointed Bishop Burbidge to the Diocese of Arlington; as a result, he will leave the Diocese of Raleigh in December. After celebrating Mass at Duke for the last time, the Duke Catholic Center presented him with a lithograph of Duke Chapel and other iconic places on campus, signed



by Coach David Cutcliffe, Coach Mike Krzyzewski, Dr. Kevin White and Coach John Danowski. Bishop Burbidge is a big Duke fan, and we hope he will remain that way, even though he will have new rival colleges to serve in Arlington Diocese. 



## DCC makes lunch for the homeless

Thanks to the generosity of David and Karen Cutcliffe the Catholic students have begun making sandwiches on the Bryan Center plaza one day every other week - rain or shine! Sandwiches are donated to Urban Ministries in Durham.



# Tuesday Night Dinner



# Francis Week



Transitus Service of St. Francis Celebrating the Feast of St. Francis Mass outside of the Falcone-Arena House.

# Family Weekend



Sarah Doom '18 and her parents from Lexington, Kentucky.



Duke Graduate Students



Juan Pablo Gonzalez '18 from Monterrey, Mexico



Sunday Mass in Goodson Chapel

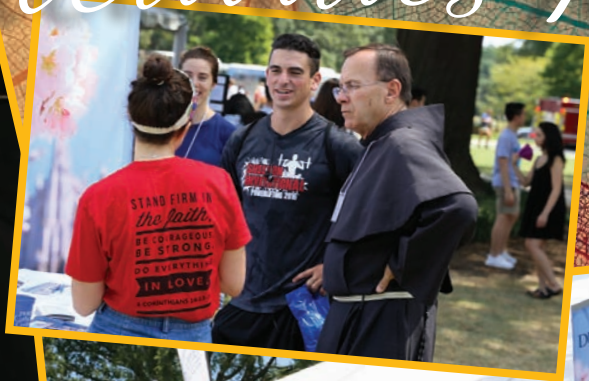


"I just wanted to take a minute out of my day and write to you to thank you for a beautiful mass during Parent's Weekend on November 6th. We never felt so welcome and blessed that our son has the opportunity to keep his Catholic faith alive at Duke University and worship in a such a warm and open environment. Thank you for reaching out to these students, to these brilliant minds that will one day change the future for the better. We are so blessed to be part of the Duke family and the Catholic Center."  
- Francis and Pegi Malo, P'20



Quinton Quan Tran '20 and his family

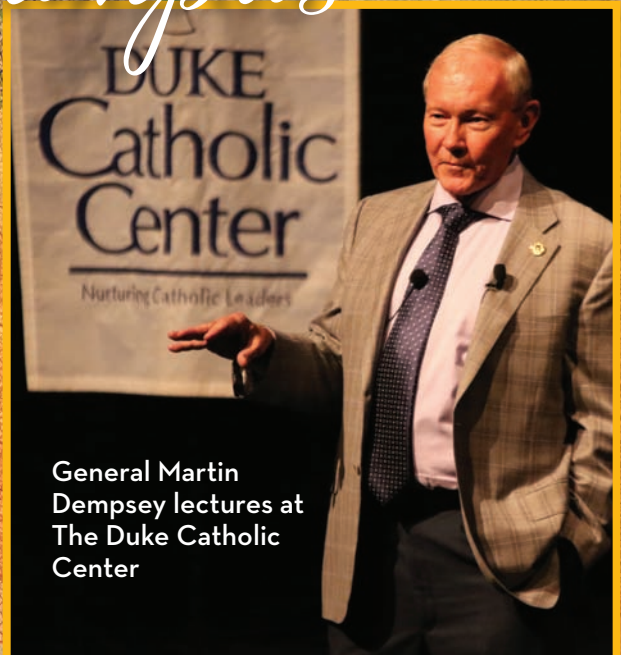
# Student Activities Fair



# Around Campus



Handing out water during move in



General Martin Dempsey lectures at The Duke Catholic Center

Photo: Duke Chronicle

## CLASS OF 2016 ALUM REFLECTS ON World Youth Day in Krakow

Recently graduated alumnus Wills Rooney spent his first summer away from Duke on pilgrimage. Wills is a graduate of the class of 2016 and former DCC Lecture Series Student Director. William Hague '16, Wills' Duke cross-country/track teammate joined him on the journey to Krakow for the latest World Youth Day with Pope Francis.



“Making a pilgrimage for World Youth Day 2016 to Krakow, Poland, the home and stomping grounds of the late and great Saint John Paul II, was hands-down the best experience of my life.” said Wills. “The week was, above all, a profound and joyful encounter with the Mystical Body of Christ, the *one, holy, catholic, and apostolic* Church. This joy was not the fleeting happiness of a good grade or personal accomplishment. Rather, it was the deep and abiding joy, the cosmic peace that comes only from the love of Jesus Christ. We experienced it through prayer, through the Eucharist and confession, through our pilgrim visits to various shrines (Czestochowa, the Divine Mercy Shrine, the home-town and childhood parish of St. JP II), and through the community of 3 million young Catholics from 187 different countries – all just like William and me – on a journey to become better friends with our shared best friend, Jesus Christ.”



Along the way, Wills and William saw several familiar faces and were able to listen to familiar artists performing live, which reminded them of the Duke Catholic Center.

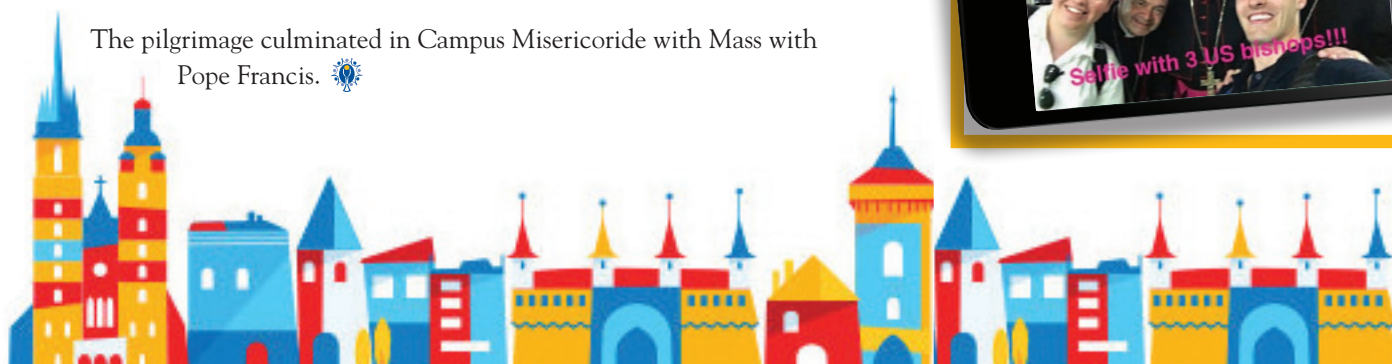
“We were able to connect with the Sisters of Life, including Sr. Faustina and Sr. Sophia, who gave a moving talk at Duke this past March,” said Wills. “At the Mercy Centre, a large arena-turned-catechesis-site for English-speaking pilgrims, we joined 25,000 other pilgrims in dropping to our knees for a beautiful Eucharistic procession led by Bishop Robert Barron (who gave a talk for the DCC in March of 2015) and accompanied by live music from Duke Catholic Center favorites Matt Maher and Audrey Assad.”

The pilgrimage culminated in Campus Misericordie with Mass with Pope Francis. ☀



“On the penultimate day, we marched 9 miles with 3 million other pilgrims to Campus Misericordie (a seemingly endless field named “Mercy Campus”), where everyone participated in an all-night vigil awaiting the closing Sunday morning Mass with Pope Francis. If there were any residual doubts about the Holy Spirit’s work throughout the week prior to the final Mass, the Lord delivered once more – the forecasts had called for steady rain, but not a cloud was in the sky. Communing in the Eucharist with 3 million brothers and sisters from around the world, including persecuted regions like Iraq, Lebanon, Syria, and the Holy Land, was surreal. It was an experience that will have a lasting impact on our lives, and we look forward to continuing to reap and share the fruits of our pilgrimage!”

– Wills Rooney '16





SAVE THE DATE! FEBRUARY 24-26, 2017

# all work and no pray?

BRIDGING THE GAP BETWEEN SUNDAY AND MONDAY

Coming soon *The Duke Catholic Center Alumni and Parent Retreat*

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