

# DUKE Catholic

**SUMMER 2012** 

**NURTURING CATHOLIC LEADERS** 

### Streaming Live from the Duke Catholic Center

With dozens of Catholic students studying abroad, participating Duke Engage in foreign countries, and attending the Catholic Center's international mission trips, Catholics at Duke have made a splash in the international world. However, recently the Duke Catholic Center has found that it is reaching an international audience in a very different way—through its online YouTube Channel. As a way to increase our outreach in tech-savvy world, the Duke Catholic Center initially began live-streaming Masses online and in the Medical Center for patients staying in the Duke Hospital. After Sunday Mass, we placed the recorded

Masses on YouTube. This gave students the opportunity to check out the Catholic Center before attending a Catholic Center event, or go back and re-watch a homily that resonated with them during Mass.

The YouTube Masses have been giving the students that go abroad the ability to stay connected with their faith. Senior Hillary Walker who went abroad to Istanbul, Turkey said, "I often was unable to attend mass in a language I understood so after a few weeks of zoning out during homilies said in Italian, Turkish or Spanish, I wanted to hear the homily in English in order to better understand the day's readings and to encourage me to put the readings into action in my life."

Recently the Catholic Center has discovered that our YouTube ministry is reaching individuals beyond the Duke community. The recorded Masses are being watched by individuals all over the world!

Commenting on the Holy Thursday Mass video one user said, "Amazing! I work in Saudi Arabia and finding this site is an Easter Gift for me...Will tell everyone here so that many can benefit...praise the Risen Lord for this!"

Our YouTube Mass videos continuously receive hundreds of views. Popular services during Holidays receive thousands of views including this year's Easter Vigil Mass that received over 4,700 hits. Alums and parents have also watched our YouTube channel to stay connected to the Duke Catholic Center.





# Duke Catholic Center here for all seasons

o, are you off for the summer?" Being in educational ministries my entire priesthood, I am no stranger to that question being asked of me. The perception that with Memorial Day comes a bathing suit, a bottle of sunscreen and airline tickets to places exotic couldn't be further from the truth. Quite the contrary, the DCC is more and more becoming a hopping place during the summer months for multiple reasons that are exciting for us.

While the campus is nowhere near as full of students as it is during the academic year, neither is it dead. There are three summer sessions during which many students take courses. There are student athletes who are on campus taking classes and training for upcoming seasons. And interestingly, many of our graduate and professional students are doing 12 month research that keeps them close to Duke all summer long.

With these trends, the DCC cannot and should not shut down for the summer. On the contrary, we are looking to amplify our summer programming.

We decided last summer to continue our 9pm Sunday night Mass in Duke Chapel and saw a modest average of 100 students attending. That average has already this year increased to 140. Our grad students have continued to offer Tuesday night dinner this summer and have had 10-20 students attending each night. They have also

continued their weekly Bible study sessions. More programming is being considered for the future.

Most importantly, the summer offers us the opportunity to plan. We are in the midst of a strategic planning process that this spring saw multiple focus groups collecting data that we are studying this summer in order to have a 3-5 year plan ready for the fall. We'll certainly publish that as soon as it is ready.

Needless to say, no one at the DCC is "taking the summer off" even if we are certainly enjoying some vacation time. We look forward to the fall while we are enjoying these summer months, filled with activity, rest, and the Holy Spirit!

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Because of your continued generosity, this year the Duke Catholic Center (DCC) had the resources to do the following events and transform the lives of Duke Catholics:

Host 6 retreats with over 250 students participating

Prepare 27 Tuesday Night Dinners for an average of 62 students per dinner

Send 33 students on international and domestic Spring Break Mission Trips

Host **26 Holy Hours** with Eucharistic Adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Welcome 6 Catechumens and Candidates into the Church at Easter Vigil

**Prepare 5 Students for Confirmation** 

And much, much more!

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## Helpus welcome the Class of 2016,

This year we are making welcome bags for the Catholics in the Class of 2016. The bags include a San Damiano wall crucifix, rosary, prayer card, dorm room blessing, fridge magnet with Mass times, Duke Catholic Center sunglasses and delicious chocolate chip cookies! We will make 300 bags and deliver them to the dorm rooms of each freshman to welcome them to Duke and the Catholic Center. All the materials cost \$2,000. If you are interested in subsidizing this effort, contact Michelle Barreto, michelle.barreto@duke.edu



### Easter Sunday Mass Draws Coverage from the *Durham Herald* Newspaper

For the second year in a row, the DCC celebrated Easter Sunday morning Mass in the Duke Gardens. It was a huge success, with the perfect weather, over 1,200 students, parents, faculty, high school seniors visiting, Duke and community members gathered Sunday morning to celebrate Christ's resurrection. This year, a reporter from the *Durham Herald* covered the event as it was one of the largest celebrations of Easter on campus.

## BLAST From the past

In every newsletter, we will begin posting a picture from our photo archives. If you recognize any of the people or events in the pictures, please let us know and we will reveal the findings we gather from everyone in the next newsletter. Send your feedback to Michelle Barreto at michelle.barreto@duke.edu.



Students sitting around the beloved Fr. Burke during a gathering or celebration. One of the ladies t-shirts says 1985. **Who are these students and what are they celebrating?** 

#### Anyone recognize these young ladies?

They seem to be holding the Gather hymnals so this picture might be taken during Mass. Who are they? Where are they celebrating Mass?



Look for us online!





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## Mass Schedule

#### **SUNDAY MASS**

11am, Goodson Chapel (Divinity School)
9pm, Duke Chapel

#### **DAILY MASS**

MON: 12pm, Duke Chapel Crypt
TUES: 5:45pm, Falcone-Arena House
WED: 5:15pm, Goodson Chapel (Divinity School)

THURS: 11:30am, Yoh Football Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Team Meeting Room