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NURTURING CATHOLIC LEADERS

Studying Abroad with a Twist

Every year the hundreds of Duke Students study abroad in their junior year. They travel all over the world to places like Spain, Egypt and Australia. Recently the Catholic Center has begun offering an abroad experience of our own. However instead of attending classes and going on tours, the students immerse themselves in a pilgrimage through Assisi and Rome, exploring the cities in a very different way.

“I went abroad the fall semester before the trip. I had been sightseeing many different places, but the pilgrimage was different,” said Jennifer Arnold, P’13. “The distinction between tourists and pilgrims was very obvious to me. When I toured other places in Europe, I saw many memorable things, but when I was a pilgrim in Rome/Assisi, I experienced these places in a spiritual way through the other pilgrims around me.”

The pilgrimage is an 11-day trip with time spent in Rome, Vatican City, and Assisi. Every semester, two



Duke Students join about 30 college students from all around the country in Rome for the pilgrimage. The trip is led by four members of the Franciscan community who give information to the pilgrims about the historic sites they visit, with a particular emphasis on the places that were important to Saint Francis.

However, for the students that attend, the pilgrimage is not just about being a tourist and learning about a new place. It is a spiritual journey.

“The pilgrimage enhanced my spiritual life and Duke experience in ways that I am still discovering,” said John Hosey, T’15. “The Catholic students I met shared my appreciation of

the Mass and inspired me through their clear devotion to God. Celebrating Mass almost every day, seeing key sites of Christianity’s history, learning about the life of St. Francis, and witnessing the international presence of the Catholic Church helped me grow in my faith, and I’m prouder than ever to call myself a Catholic.”

Want to make a difference?

The Duke Catholic Center helps defray the cost of the pilgrimage of Duke Students who attend. If you would like to help by sponsoring a student on a pilgrimage, contact Michelle Sutton, (919) 668-1472.



Oh, the places you'll go!

So many conversations with our students over the beginning few weeks of the semester were often peppered with questions about summer plans. "Where did you go this summer?" This seemingly simple question would often evoke travel plans that would make the Secretary of State look like a homebody! Duke students rarely let grass grow under their feet, and the world is a better place for it. I wonder if the world, having gotten as small as it has, is really appreciated not only for its beauty, but also for its holiness? Will these jet-setting students witness the presence of God in all the places they go?

Pilgrimage is a spiritual concept which invites us to appreciate God's presence in a place. In medieval times travel was obviously more difficult than the challenges that we lament in long TSA lines and baggage carousels. But amidst the difficulties, our ancestors developed this practice—rooted in a desire to go to the Holy Land and walk in the footsteps of Christ. Given that area of the world was called "Holy," there was the sense that some places have significance by their very history. To travel to those sights was a sacrifice done for the love of God with the hope of spiritual memories/benefits that would last a lifetime. Can our travels today have a similar outcome?

As described in our cover story, we have a pilgrimage program that is engaging some of our students to deepen their spiritual lives specifically

as it relates to Franciscan spirituality. For any of us who have had the blessing of being in Assisi, we know how a place can be holy. But if all these travels do is make us yearn to return to them and fail to appreciate the holiness of where we are right now, then I believe we have missed the point. The places we'll go should ultimately help us to remember that God's presence cannot be bound by a spot on the map. Rather, we are called as pilgrims to give evidence to his presence wherever we are. In fact, it is our presence that ultimately should make a place holy. Isn't that what building the kingdom is all about?

Oh, the places you'll go! Dr. Suess' final book published before his death gives us an opportunity to wonder not just about our summer journeys and pilgrimages, but more profoundly about life's journey. In that regard we are all called to travel with Christ and make our homes, workplaces, and summer vacation spots "holy lands". May our students return from these places, exotic and less so, renewed with a sense of the holiness of our world and the role they have in making it even holier by their lives!

This past year, events in the Vatican captured the world's attention. Pope Benedict XVI resigned and Pope Francis was elected. The Duke Catholic Center has allowed students more exposure to this historic city.

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By the Numbers

Average attendance at...

Sunday Mass.....	480
Beach Weekend Retreat.....	86
Adoration.....	34
Tuesday Night Dinner.....	95
Theology on Tap.....	22
Sunday Welcome Brunch.....	250



Students Join Advisory Board

In the spring, the Duke Catholic Center Board voted to invite to student members join the Advisory Board. They elected **Chris Deickhaus, T'16** and **Bernadette LeBlond, T'14**, to the Duke Catholic Center Advisory Board for a one-year term. During the first Advisory Board meeting in October, the students were able to provide keen insights into student programming. The Board greatly benefitted from the input of the two members who currently experience the Duke Catholic Center as students.

In addition to the student members, three other members began their term this Fall—**Tim Jeffries, GMBA'03**; **Elizabeth Oliver, P'15 '17**; and **Michael Somich, Executive Director of Intern Audits for Duke University**.

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Students gather to play board games at the Falcone-Arena House with their friends from the Catholic Center

Falcone-Arena House Receives a Facelift

With a surge in student involvement and staff members, the Falcone-Arena House was beginning to feel a little small. This summer, in order to provide more space for offices and student activities, the Duke Catholic Center began renovating the basement of the Falcone-Arena House. The basement was partially unfinished and was used for storage. It is now an oversized living room with couches and study spaces used for Bible Study, basketball game watch parties, and studying for exams! The Catholic Center was also able to convert one of the rooms on the first floor into an office to make room for our new Associate Director Fr. Michael Lasky, OFM. Conv. We are looking forward to using the new space to accommodate the increasing number of students who come to the Falcone-Arena House for Catholic Center activities.



Tuesday Night Dinner Sees

record numbers



Hot-off-the-grill kebabs, zesty hummus & fluffy pita, freshly baked cookies...

Those are some of the menu items featured this year at the Catholic Center's weekly Tuesday Night Dinner (TND). This year TND has started out with a bang. Every Tuesday night, the four student coordinators in the Catholic Center cook food for the Duke Catholic community at our Falcone-Arena House off of East Campus. Dinner is free for first-comers and just \$2 for upperclassmen. In the past four years we've averaged about 54 students coming to Tuesday Night Dinner. This year, we're averaging 95 people per night. Of course we shouldn't be surprised—what's not to like about a free meal with friends?





Family Weekend 2013



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End of Year Giving

The end of 2013 is fast approaching—a time of Thanksgiving, the celebration of Christmas and a chance to reflect on our many blessings. This is also the time of year when the Catholic Center receives many of the charitable gifts that support our ministry.

Current charitable gifts. Tax deductible gifts may be made with cash (check or credit card) or appreciated assets (stock, corporate bonds, mutual funds). Debt-free real estate may also be donated in some cases. Donors who are 70 ½ years of age or older can make a “charitable IRA rollover” during 2013.

Charitable Estate / Bequest gifts. Often made through a donor’s will, trust, IRA or life insurance beneficiary designation. You may also consider a “legacy” gift to support the Catholic Center. IRAs and similar assets (e.g. 401(k)s, ESOPs, U.S. Savings bonds) are often used to make legacy gifts because these assets may be subject to both estate taxes and income taxes.

Life income gifts typically provide (a) income for life and (b) a current income tax deduction for part of the value of the donation. There are two basic types and either may be funded with cash or appreciated securities (and real estate in some cases). A charitable gift annuity provides a fixed payment for life. A charitable remainder unitrust pays a fixed percentage based on the trust’s value each year (e.g. 5% of the January 1st value that year). If you wish, income may be deferred until retirement or other life event. Life income gifts may also be established at your death to provide for a loved one. You can view instructional videos about CGAs and CRUTs by visiting the Duke University Office of Gift Planning website and clicking on the “Life Income Gifts” link.

Contact Michelle Sutton with any questions or if you would like to receive personalized information. **Thank you for your support!**