



# DUKE Catholic

SUMMER 2014

NURTURING CATHOLIC LEADERS

## Summer Selfie

The Duke Catholic Center offers comprehensive Summer Programming

For students, summertime can be a great time to relax, go on vacation and take time off their normal school year activities. Many leave Durham to go abroad with DukeEngage or work in summer internships. This year, the Duke Catholic Center challenged all Catholic students to not take the summer off when it comes to their faith. The “Summer Selfie” program challenged students to ask themselves, “What do you want your spiritual self to look like this summer?” with ten ideas to keep spiritual life refreshed and engaged.

Some of our favorite ideas included finding and visiting a local Catholic site to go on pilgrimage like the National Shrine in Washington, D.C., or St. Patrick’s in New York, doing some recon to find a local church to attend for Sunday Mass and cleaning out your closet to donate unused clothes to the needy.

On campus, the Duke Catholic Center has always wondered how many events were needed with so many students away for the summer. So three years ago when the Duke Catholic Center began to offer 9pm Sunday Mass at Duke over the summer, it was hard to predict how many utilize this new Mass time. When over a hundred people began attending, it was clear that Duke Students on campus did not want to “take time off” their faith over the summer either. Since then, summer 9pm Mass attendance has been increasing every year.

This year, the Duke Catholic Center began offering 11am Mass and the result has been even more positive. Summer Mass attendance has risen 85 percent since adding the new summer Mass time! If you build it, they will come!

The other new programming offered this summer is Tuesday Night Dinner, Wednesday Night Holy Hour, and weekly service projects. These are activities that happen every week during the school year and have regular summer attendees. These programs will only grow when more students realize the Duke Catholic Center does not take the summer off!



*Do you want to keep your spiritual life refreshed this summer?*

More Summer Selfie ideas can be found on our website  
[www.catholic.duke.edu/calendar/summer-selfie/](http://www.catholic.duke.edu/calendar/summer-selfie/)



## Wanna get *away*?

*O*ur choir is not on vacation! For years it has struck me that most parishes have some date in May when the choir stops singing, usually until the first Sunday after Labor Day. I understand that most people take some vacation during the summer, but does the entire choir go away for the entire summer? From my perch, this “Choir on Vacation” then becomes a euphemism for a much broader decline in local parish programming that then gets translated in the minds of many as “My Spiritual Life is on Vacation” for three months. Who thinks this is a good idea? As a result, at Duke our choir is not on vacation all summer and neither are we!

More and more at Duke, the number of students on campus during the summer is interesting to note. While certainly the size of the student body shrinks after spring exams, there is student life at Duke over the summer. There are three summer sessions for classes that run into the early part of August. There are many grad and professional students who stay on campus doing research and intensive study. Student athletes are here doing post and pre-season training. And let’s not forget

all of the happy campers—the pre-Dukies. And so, we have this summer looked to continue some of our programming just to see what might happen. If you play it, they will sing—if you host it, they will come—if you organize it, they will serve—if you schedule it, they will pray! And they have!

We are even trying to stay connected more with our students off campus this summer, keeping our community engaged even if it is a virtual one. There are in fact many ways to be open to God’s grace in June, July and August! I am headed on vacation in a few days and very much looking forward to it. But even while away, I will be praying that God engage my mind and heart, believing that during the down time I can be even more open to the work of the Spirit. I hope and pray the same for our Catholic Dukies. May we continue to find ways to stay engaged in faith, never looking to get away from that which refreshes most—God’s grace!

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## A Jubilee Celebration

In June, Fr. Mike Martin, DCC Director, celebrated his 25th anniversary of priestly ordination! The Conventual Franciscan Friars and the Martin family celebrated with a beautiful Jubilee Mass in honor of Fr. Mike. The Mass took place at St. Casimir’s Church in Baltimore, in the same church that Fr. Mike was ordained in 25 years ago. The reception was held at Archbishop Curley High School, Fr. Mike’s alma mater. Duke Catholic Center staff, students, alums and parents were there to help Fr. Mike’s family celebrate our wonderful Director. Congratulations Fr. Mike!



Fr. Mike with his family after the Jubilee Mass.



Trey Southerland '04 and  
Matt Toups '04

## Catholic Duke Alums Gather for Breakfast during Reunion Weekend

Kevin White P'13  
and Joe Healey '54

**THANKS TO THE HOSPITALITY** of Director of Athletics Kevin White and his wife Duke Catholic Center Board Member, Jane White, the Duke Catholic Center hosted a delicious brunch for Catholic alumni during Reunion Weekend. The event took place at the White's residence in Durham. Thirty alumni attended to reconnect with old friends and meet new people over made to order waffles and omelets. The classes represented by the alums ranged from 1954 to 2009.

"I just wanted to thank you, the Whites, and everybody from the Duke Catholic Center for your hospitality this weekend," said Koleen Kirkwood Virostek '89 who attended the Reunion Weekend breakfast. "We had a good time at the brunch and were very happy to see the Catholic Center and Catholic faith thriving at Duke."

### DID YOU GRADUATE IN A YEAR ENDING IN 0 OR 5?

If so, save the date for Duke Reunion 2015 and Duke Catholic Center Alumni Brunch on April 18!



## From Irish Green to Duke Blue

The Duke Catholic Center is happy to welcome Clare Kossler as our summer intern! Thanks to a generous donation from Gregory Bell, P'08, the Duke Catholic Center recruited this rising Notre Dame Sophomore to Durham to work at the Duke Catholic Center this summer. Clare grew up in Columbus, Ohio, but her Notre Dame family recently moved to South Bend, Indiana. This summer, Clare is getting great exposure to campus ministry and working in the church.

"I've absolutely loved everything here at the DCC and in Durham in general," said Clare. "I've learned quite a bit about the inner workings of campus ministry and the Mass itself, and I've also gained a fair amount of experience with databases as one of my projects over the summer involves creating a database for the DCC. Overall it's been a great experience!"





The Duke Catholic Center honored **89 DUKE GRADUATES** at this year's Baccalaureate Mass



Colin Rog '14 receives a hug and the senior gift from Fr. Mike



Benton Wise '13, '14, and his family during Baccalaureate Mass reception



## HELP US WELCOME NEW *and* RETURNING STUDENTS

During the summer, Duke Catholic Center staff and student leaders work hard to prepare for arrival of the incoming and returning students. But we need your help! We invite you to make Wednesday, August 13, a day of fasting and prayer for our new students. We pray that the Holy Spirit guide these students during their first few weeks of school. Look out for an email from Fr. Mike in August for details.

# SUMMER OF Service



Duke Catholic Center students in Durham have been busy volunteering at Habitat for Humanity and strawberry gleaning at a local farm.



# SAVE THE DATE

## Duke Catholic Alumni & Parent Retreat

The Duke Catholic Center would like to invite you to our *Living a Life that Matters* Alumni and Parent retreat this October. Join Duke Catholics from all around the country for this unique retreat experience in the heart of Durham. This retreat will be a perfect time to reconnect with God, meet other Catholics within the Duke Alumni and Parent communities, recharge your batteries with a weekend away, and renew your faith life.

**For more information and to register, please visit our website:**  
[www.catholic.duke.edu/alumniparentretreat/](http://www.catholic.duke.edu/alumniparentretreat/)



## RETREAT DETAILS

**October 3-5, 2014**

**Hilton, Durham, NC**

*Retreat Director*  
Fr. Michael T. Martin, OFM Conv.  
Director, Duke Catholic Center

Retreat Cost: \$175\*

*Overnight Accommodations*  
Hilton Durham

*Group Rate*  
\$114/night for standard room  
Code: "DCC"

*\*price includes Friday reception, Saturday and Sunday Breakfast, Saturday Dinner, and refreshments, does not include overnight hotel accommodations*

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**OCTOBER 3-5, 2014**

A WEEKEND SPIRITUAL RETREAT  
**FOR CATHOLIC DUKE ALUMNI & PARENTS**

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