



Campus Ministry

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Welcome to Campus Ministry

Located on the bottom floor of St. Francis Hall, next to the Post Office

St. Francis University Campus Ministry's goal is to provide resources and opportunities for every student to grow in their spiritual life. We view every human being as a child of God, created in the image of God with two integral components: corporal (body) and spiritual (soul). As such, we view the integration of your spiritual life into academics and athletics as critical for being a fully formed and well-rounded human person. Campus Ministry provides a variety of opportunities to grow and mature in your spiritual, social, and communal life here at St. Francis University.

Please contact us for more information on any events that you may be interested in.

Sacramental Life

Jesus came to reconcile us to the Father, make us partakers of the Divine Nature, be our model of holiness, and to show us God's love. We often speak about little ways in our daily life that we see these or experience His presence and providence. The Sacraments were given to us by Jesus so that no matter what is going on in our lives or where we are we would know that he is present with us. The Church, gathered together from every nation, protects these Sacraments because they are the sure way we can know God's presence on earth through tangible signs and symbols.

At Saint Francis University the community of believers gathers to serve, participate, and bring the Sacraments to fruition. *Daily Mass*, *Reconciliation*, *Eucharistic Adoration*, *In His Presence*, and *Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults* (RCIA) are just some of the ways we regularly offer Students, Faculty and Staff the to exercise their Sacramental Life.

Discipleship

During his time of teaching, Jesus taught, guided, coached, and challenged his disciples. To be a disciple is to learn, at the feet of Jesus, how to be holy in every aspect of our lives. Often, it means we learn information about who He is and what He's done. Sometimes it means that we are challenged to become someone greater or transform an aspect of our lives.

Discipleship is a mode of receiving love in order to give that same love to those around us. We do this through learning from or serving others throughout our lives. Here at St. Francis we offer many Discipleship opportunities that include: *Why Do Catholics Teach That*, *Students for Life*, *Knights of Columbus*, *Alta Via*, and *FIREstarters*.

Liturgical Ministries

Every Catholic is called to be holy in a unique and special way; and while not every person shares the same skills and abilities, we are taught to serve one another as Christ has served us on the altar of the Cross. Liturgical worship is the main way Catholics worship God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Through it's form, liturgy teaches and tells us who God is and who we ought to be. To think of our time in Church as passive and empty, a mere silent receptive presence would be wrong though.

Through our prayer, through our singing, reading, listening, serving, we are a part of something bigger than ourselves. In a moment of time we have a taste of heaven where our loved ones have gone before us and eternal peace reigns. This worship is not limited to the Priest or Deacon, or the Friars either. For those who have the gift of music through voice or playing an instrument, we encourage you to join **Music Ministry**. For those who enjoy reading the word of God, we encourage you to try being a **Lector**. For those with an eye for detail and a gift of service behind the scenes, we encourage you to serve as a **Sacristan**. For those who enjoy assisting and serving others, we encourage you to learn to be an **Altar Server**.

CRU – (*Campus Crusade for Christ*)

Cru's purpose is to help fulfill the Great Commission in the power of the Holy Spirit by winning people to faith in Jesus Christ, building them in their faith and sending them to win and build others. This group generally meets in the Boiler House Thursdays from 7:30pm - 8:30pm.

FCA – (*Fellowship of Christian Athletes*)

FCA is an internationally renowned organization that uses the powerful medium of athletics to impact the world for Jesus Christ. The group generally meets Wednesdays from 9pm - 10pm in Stokes to praise and worship God.

FOCUS – (*Fellowship of Catholic University Students*)

FOCUS is a Catholic collegiate outreach whose mission is to share the hope and joy of the gospel with college and university students, inspiring and equipping them for a lifetime of Christ-centered evangelization, discipleship and friendships in which they lead others to do the same.

Contact Campus Ministry at 814.472.2750 for full schedules and details on how to get involved or email Fr. Stephen Waruszewski at swaruszewski@francis.edu

We look forward to seeing you on Campus soon.

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