



VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY

CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY

FALL 2020

Dear VCU Catholic Campus Ministry Family,

It has been a great semester for Catholic Campus Ministry at VCU. We have adapted to university and diocesan guidelines in order to still share the Good News across campus. While many classes went virtual, the CCM house became a place for students to get out of their dorms and interact safely with other Catholic students.

Gatherings took place in smaller groups, but happened more often to accommodate the most number of students. We were able to hold small groups, men's and women's groups, service opportunities, adoration, fellowship events, formation discussions, and even modified Sunday Suppers! The semester finished with a virtual fall retreat as we "prepare the way" for the Lord this advent. Thank you for all your support and prayers during this unique semester. We are already looking forward to all that the upcoming spring semester holds!

Merry Christmas. May God bless you always!

Morgan Yost, Director of Catholic Campus Ministry



TAKING A LEAP OF FAITH

Earlier this year, the week before the pandemic hit and VCU closed its doors to students for the remainder of the spring semester, I had the privilege of being discerned into the position of President of CCM for the upcoming year. I felt called to this position and having been a part of CCM for my first three years of college, felt confident that I knew exactly what the role would entail. However, as they say, God laughs at those who makes plans (perhaps especially in COVID times), and this year has turned out to be one continuous leap of faith. I might not always feel Him there, but God has been walking alongside me, showing me the beauty in surrender to Him and utmost joy in the little things; Mass has taken on a new meaning, a new student joining our ministry is more than we expected, and our bonds as friends are more important than ever. CCM has been such an important part of my college experience, and I am so blessed to be a part of this ministry and help see it through to the next year.

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Cathedral Connection

The Catholic Campus Ministry community at VCU has been blessed by its ties to the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in downtown Richmond. Students have the opportunity to attend Mass at the cathedral every Sunday as well as participate in daily Mass, adoration, and confession throughout the week.

This year marked the bicentennial for the Diocese of Richmond. The parish joyfully welcomed students to participate in the festivities including the Octave of Service and the Eucharistic Congress. In September, the CCM community worked together to clock over 500,000 steps to unlock a \$5,000 donation for the cathedral's Haiti ministry. In November, students had the chance to attend the virtual Eucharistic Congress and several students were extended an invitation to attend the holy hour in person at the cathedral. The students are thankful to have the chance to participate in the diocese's 200 years of history in these unique ways!



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