



CATHOLIC MONARCHS

CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY AT OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY

Catholic Campus Ministry at Old Dominion University is a Christ-centered community that seeks to be a true witness to the Catholic Faith. Through the sacraments, religious formation, prayer, and camaraderie, we strive to live out Christ's calling for ourselves both now and in the future.

Spring 2019

Dear Catholic Monarch Family,

Journeying in campus ministry with you!

"In a word, true youth means having a heart capable of loving, whereas everything that separates us from others makes the soul grow old." (Pope Francis, *Christus vivit*, 13)

It was a great year once again for Catholic Campus Ministry here in ODU! As we count our blessings, we find you within our hearts for you have been with us in making this mission with the young possible. Each day, as our CCM House is opened to our students, the mission of Jesus unfolds. The Catholic Campus Ministry House, right at the heart of the university, stands like a light of hope, constantly inviting students to find a community. Indeed, this is the mission of the Church, like opened doors, it strives to always be present and available.

We become forever young when our hearts are full of love, constantly burning to spread the Gospel. As the school year ends, we are grateful and continue to pray for you as you continue to walk with us for our young people.

May God bless you always!

Jonny

Marissa Neil



Our wonderful Class of 2019!



Catholic Monarchs at the Annual March for Life in Washington, D.C.



Catholic Monarchs at the first Virginia March for Life in Richmond, VA.



Catholic Monarchs along with the Little Sisters of the Poor in Newark, Delaware.

Join Us!



**VISIT WITH ODU
CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY**

BEFORE THE
INAUGURAL ODU DAY AT
NATIONALS PARK

MONDAY, AUGUST 12
4-6 PM

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WHAT STUDENTS ARE SAYING

VIRGINIA CCM SUMMIT

Going to Summit was such an empowering experience. All of the speakers gave inspiring talks with advice that will stay with me forever. This experience pointed me closer to God by highlighting the ways that I need to improve my relationship with God and how I can help others grow closer to Him. It was incredible to be surrounded and influenced by other people my age who wanted to serve Him with their lives. I formed new friendships, continued to grow in Christ at Mass and during adoration, and learned valuable lessons.

-Consolata Baynor, Class of 2021



Catholic Monarchs sing during the final session of Summit 2019.



Catholic Monarchs at the 2019 Virginia CCM Summit held in Richmond, VA.

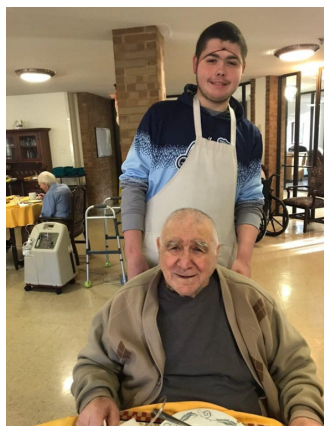


Our ROTC Catholic Monarchs were well represented. Pictured Left to Right: Jake (Marines), Savannah, Emilee (Navy), Nick (Navy), & Patrick (Marines)

ALTERNATIVE SPRING BREAK

My experience at the Little Sisters of the Poor in Newark, DE was both humbling and gratifying. Every day, I was stepping out of myself and doing something to benefit others. Sure I could have stayed at home watching TV and playing games, but something in my mind told me that doing so would not be the best use of my time. The most beneficial part of that whole experience was talking to the residents to find out what their lives were like before coming to live at the Little Sisters.

-Ben Langille, Class of 2021



Ben with Frank, a resident at the Little Sisters of the Poor in Newark, DE.



Emily cleaning one of the vehicles used by the Sisters and the Home.



Consolata playing Bingo with four of the residents.



Thienan cleaning the dining room chairs for the residents.

ENCOUNTER WITH CHRIST RETREAT

Encounter with Christ, also known as EWC, is a retreat that allows college students to have an encounter with Jesus and to grow in their faith through a Christian community. My experience at EWC was amazing and I really enjoyed meeting everyone in the Catholic community from different colleges. The theme of the retreat was Isaiah 43:19, "see I am doing something new." Everything we did was related to this topic. The part that I really enjoyed most was my small group. It wasn't this awkward group where after each small group session was finished, we would go our separate ways, no, we actually hung out with each other and got to know each other more. I think that's the amazing work of God bringing us all together on this retreat and helping us to get closer to Him through our faith. I actually have been going through a lot this past year and a half but through this retreat, I was able to relate to the different talks and let God open me up and embrace my faith with my small group peers. That's the amazing thing about retreats like EWC, they can help so much and it's just a huge reminder that God loves us and He's here for us no matter what.

-Yanira Aslam-Nina, Class of 2020



Yanira (far left), Marissa, Savannah, & Jake at Encounter with Christ #187.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

DONATE FOR SPECIFIC PROGRAMS

\$25 - Pays for Bulletins Each Week at Mass

\$50 - Pays for Soul Food Dinner Each Week

\$75 - Sends a Student to our Annual Beach Retreat

\$150 - Provides Food and Supplies for the CCM House Each Month

\$300 - Pays for a new Propane Gas Grill

\$400 - Sends our Students to Diocesan Events throughout the Year

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