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Moving

I once co-wrote a Vacation Bible School program called “Movin’ with Moses.” While researching, it occurred to me that the move out of slavery in Egypt was not only filled with great joy to get away from oppression, but there was also great sadness in leaving what was familiar. The Israelites often complained to Moses about how difficult the move was. After all, it did take them 40 years to get to the land they had been promised.

Those graduating next weekend are facing this same strange mixture of joy and despair: freedom, pride in accomplishments, hope for a great next chapter in life, as well as fear about the new job, grad school or volunteer position, and meeting new people in a new city or country. Those who aren’t graduating will likely move to a new residence in the fall with all the hopes and anxieties that come with that. For all of us, our main worship space will be temporarily moved for a year to Chaminade Hall while the Immaculate Conception Chapel is being renovated. The plans are exciting and will bless this community with an even better space for prayer for many years to come, but it’s hard to leave the familiar and trust that changes will be an improvement. So, let us pray:

Lord, bless our moves and changes. Prepare our hearts to say goodbye…and to say hello. Open us up to accept new people, places, opportunities, and challenges. Help us to find hope in your Resurrection that changes and moves, while difficult, will ultimately be good, if we trust you with them. Amen.

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A Prayer
For Finals

My Lord God,
I thank you for the opportunity to grow in knowledge and wisdom. I recognize the privilege it is to be able to study at university; something that is only a dream for many people. I thank you, also, for the gift of intellect without which I would not be able to mature and succeed academically.

Please help me, God, to do my level best on the upcoming exams. Allow me the patience to concentrate despite warm weather and mounting excitement. Bless me with the ability to recall all the lessons I have learned and read throughout the semester and the grace to integrate that knowledge into my final tests or assignments. Finally, God, I ask for your peace that I may know your loving presence in the stress and that I may hold myself with poise these final weeks.

Amen

Paul Riffon, Graduate Student
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Sunday Readings and Reflection
Reading I: Acts 2:42-47
Responsorial Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24
Reading II: 1 Peter 1:3-9
Gospel: John 20:19-31

Now, Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.
John 20:30-31

Please pray for our students traveling to Cameroon, Guatemala, India and Zambia through our International Summer Immersion Program

This is a unique way to expand education beyond the classroom and into a new culture, a new lifestyle, and a new way of thinking. Each trip offers a distinctive experience for students involving elements of cultural immersion, study of government, social services, religion, family life, economics and everyday life in the host country. Participants travel in a group with a reflection leader to help guide the group through the joys and struggles of encountering life outside their normal experience.

Mass Schedule for the Summer May 11 thru August 17

Sunday Worship Times
Immaculate Conception Chapel
10 am Mass
6 pm Mass

Weekday Mass Schedule
Immaculate Conception Chapel
Monday-Friday 12:05 pm

Baccalaureate Mass
May 3, 4:30pm
All are welcome on this special day to celebrate and pray with UD graduates and their families at the UD arena.

Sunday, May 4 Mass Schedule
10 am Mass only
We welcome into the Church: Cassie DeBolt, Andrew Foley, Denton Sagerman, Christopher Watercutter and Justin Weaver.

Here's What Happened Beyond the Doors…

- It was truly a blessing to see so many international and domestic sisters and staff at the Women’s Tea. Thank you all for the wonderful program and consideration! Made my afternoon!
- The Graduate Assistants Day Away retreat last fall was amazing and I loved it so much.
- The Catholic Social Ministry Gathering is a crossroads where students, faculty, practitioners come from around the country to ask the hard questions like: how do we put the things that move my spirit, our heart, our faith into action, and how do we make a real difference by standing with and for others.
- My faith has been completely restored on the Lighthouse Retreat. From hearing stories of those whose faith has helped them through the darkest of times to taking prayer walks in the woods with a new friend. I really saw God in the people I was with this weekend & through their stories.
- I am walking away from the Catholic Lent Retreat with the joy in knowing that God too thirsts for me and that I am worthy of his adoration. The least I can do in return is pursue HIS love
- The Couples Retreat helped to see how older couples have grown in faith and inspired us to learn by their example.
- I’ve learned that Metanoia is not a moment, but a journey that I’m currently on. This was a great time to reflect on my journey
- Engaging a sense of community with other UD students, meeting a variety of students with different majors/ethnic backgrounds/etc., and doing service in Dayton were my favorite aspects of SERVICE Saturday.
- Losing a loved one is never easy and the path of grief is shifting but never ending. Know that you do not have to walk this path alone. Living with Loss support has helped me & other students who have lost a loved one through kindness, support, & the power of listening.

I had chills that whole time. “Praying with Mumford and Sons” was a wonderful hour of singing with community.