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This week we complete the semester, pray for God’s blessings on our academic work and our summer ahead, and say goodbye those who are graduating and moving on.

And God’s mercy overflows.

Blessed William Joseph Chaminade used our first reading from Acts as an example of the community life to which Marianists are called: sharing all things, devoting selves to the breaking of bread and the prayers, eating meals together with exultation and sincerity of heart, praising God and enjoying favor will all, being saved by the Lord who adds to our numbers. Does this sound like Marianist goodness?

Moving from doubt to deep faith, Thomas says “My Lord and my God,” and Jesus reminds us “Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.” Our weekly quotation from Fr. Chaminade seems especially appropriate for those (including me) who are moving on from UD: “We should go to the ends of the world if God so calls us.”

And all of this is in the context of Divine Mercy Sunday (instituted by Pope John Paul II, who today is being beatified!) . “God’s mercy endures forever” insists Psalm 118, and the first letter of Peter says “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy gave us a new birth to a living hope through his resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead...”

Let us continue to pray for one another in living hope, and trust in God’s great mercy which creates, sustains and redeems us all through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

—Fr. Chris Wittmann, S.M.
Thank you, Fr. Chris

Under Fr. Chris Wittmann's leadership, campus ministry has grown, changed, and added new programs. Here is a look back at the past nine years in campus ministry at UD.

New and Improved Communication
- UD's Commitment to Community
- Collaboration with Student Development
- Faithful Flyer
- Student religious Organization policies
- New website
- Service learning strategic plan

New and Improved Programs
- Lecture series on the priest sex abuse crisis
- Perspectives on Faith and Life Series
- More BreakOut trips
- Hungry Hearts
- Almost Thursday
- Twilight retreats
- Table of Plenty
- MLK Retreat
- Move-out donations/collections
- Campus Ministry Photo contest
- Composting in the kitchen
- REAL Dayton
- Service Saturdays
- Retreat Program Revision

New Campus Ministry Positions
- Interdenominational Ministry
- Campus Minister for Graduate Students
- Assistant Director: Liturgy
- GA for Liturgies
- Neighborhood GA

New Chapel Projects
- Immaculate Conception Chapel renovation/expansion
- Marianist Chapel
- Stuart Chapel
- Marycrest Chapel

New Student Leadership
- Mass coordinators
- Morale committee
- Undergraduate-Music Ministers (UGMMs)
- International student ministry