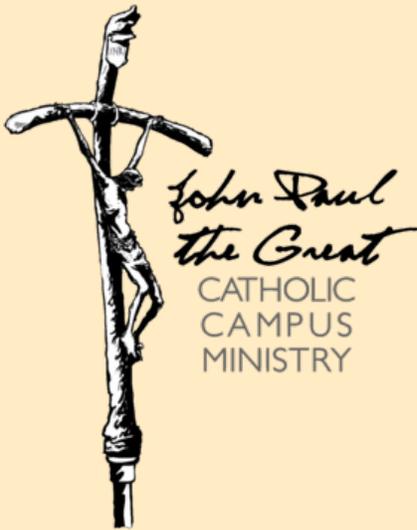


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Students and Alumni at the 2016 Fall Benefit Banquet

August 2016 Newsletter

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Chaplain's Message

Our students have returned, and these first few weeks have been a joyful celebration of new friendships and deepening relationship with Our Lord! The excitement of our Fall Outreach events have touched the lives of literally hundreds of students, and I have to tell you, the chapel has never seen so much activity. It is deeply inspiring to see our returning students fill the house again with their laughter, their joyful attitude, and their desire to draw our new students closer to Christ! With the help of a new FOCUS team, led so capably by Team Director Sean Tomko, and our new campus minister, Ms. Jodi Phillips, the students have experienced a renewed emphasis on meeting their needs and providing a warm and friendly environment at the Center and on campus. While my schedule has been normalizing (not sure if that is really ever possible?;-), I am still inspired to find new ways to engage our students and to help them experience more deeply the Father's love, so please offer a prayer for this unworthy priest.

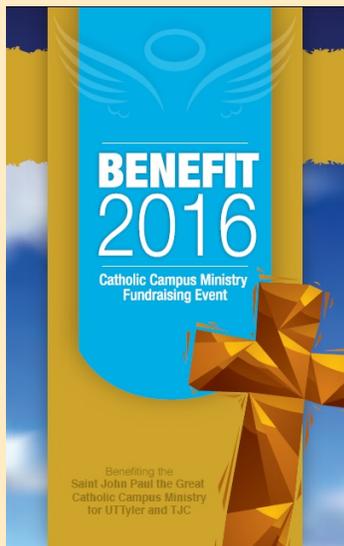
I want to thank all of you who so willingly gave to our Fall Benefit, and want to ask those of you are still

considering how you can help to touch base with me or Dan Onderko-running a financially secure ministry is a high priority for me so that we can provide best for our students and not limit what our talented pool of staff and student leadership can do to reach more students with the love of Christ and His Bride, the Church! Be assured of our prayers for you at the altar, and please keep us in yours!



In Christ, through Mary,
Fr. Justin Braun

Catholic Campus Ministry Benefit 2016



The Fall Benefit Banquet 2016 was a great success! Thank you to all our benefactors for their generous support. We have a few pending gifts, and in the next 1-2 weeks, we will announce the total money raised for the ministry.

Once again, thank you so much for your prayers and support!

Student Profile- James

Hippo

Year: Senior

Major: Computer Science

Hometown: Van Alstyne, TX

Favorite Saint: St. Theresa of Calcutta

Why did you choose to attend UT-Tyler? "I started out at Grayson County College, but I wasn't satisfied with the education; I did not think it was challenging me. I visited UT-Tyler and really liked the computer science program and ultimately chose to attend because of the strength of that program."

How did you get connected with Campus Ministry? "In my second semester, I sat next to Liz Correa during one of my classes. Over the course of the semester, we would become friends and would chat about things outside of school. She shared with me that she was involved in Catholic Campus Ministry and invited me over on a Wednesday night for Catholic Underground. Over the summer, I started attending regularly, and then got involved in leadership.

What impact has Campus Ministry had on you personally? "I had been separated from the Church since middle school and I never was confirmed. I did go through Confirmation classes through the JP2 center, and my faith is now the most important thing in my life.



Do you have any special devotions? "Last semester I started praying the Rosary regularly, especially the on campus Rosary on Mondays. I also have a weekly Holy Hour.

What are your plans after graduation? "I will be looking for work in the DFW area, specifically in IT or network security.

Introducing Sean Tomko- Team Director

Tell us a little bit about yourself: I grew up in Pittsburgh, PA, I have two brothers and a twin sister. I was raised Catholic, and I attended the University of Pittsburgh and majored in mechanical engineering.

How did you get involved with Campus Ministry at your university? My brother, who also attended Pitt, asked me to join a FOCUS bible study at the Catholic student center, and I said no. He persisted, and eventually went toward the end of my freshman year. During my junior year, I went to the SEEK conference, and my faith started to become very personal, and I had a desire to know Jesus Christ and help other people to know him.

What made you decide to join FOCUS? Looking back on my college experience, I probably wouldn't be practicing my faith if it wasn't for other people reaching out to me, praying for me, and investing in me. I realized that most college students don't have people around them that do that, and FOCUS was an opportunity for me to help others that were so much like me when I was a freshman.



What do you think of your FOCUS team? I love our team, they are fantastic. We have a comfort level with each other that we can really call each other on in holiness. We have a great team dynamic that helps us to reach the souls on campus.

Besides striving for holiness and drawing people closer to Christ, what are your interests? I am kind of a sports nut, especially baseball and soccer. I also love cooking, and being active, especially just being outside. I am also a lover of coffee.

Campus Minister's Corner

The first few weeks of the fall semester can be a bit of a whirlwind; spending time on campus, large events at the ministry, and getting to know new students can leave little time for rest! Busy schedule aside, however, it is one of the best times to be a part of Campus Ministry. The newly canonized Saint Teresa of Calcutta once urged "Go now, and give the love and joy of Jesus to all you meet." It is apparent that the students and staff at St. John Paul the Great Catholic Campus Ministry have taken this call to heart!

As we come to the end of what we call "Fall Outreach," I want to fill you in on what went on around our ministry. We spent a great deal of time on Campus over the last couple of weeks, moving students into their dorms, playing games all over campus, cooking out near the lake, and just walking around meeting people. We also invited students into the vibrant life of the ministry with Catholic Underground, a canonization party, bonfires, and barbecues. So many of our events were incredibly successful. Not only did we have a great turnout, but the students we met keep coming back, excited to learn more and be a part of the community here.

This week we kick off what will be the "regular" schedule of the ministry with Christian Initiation classes and a book study on Theology of the Body, in addition to Catholic Underground. It is exciting to go deeper in formation with the students we have at the ministry, as we continue the great work of Evangelization we have begun on campus. Please continue to keep us in your prayers as we seek to give the love and joy of Jesus to all students at UT Tyler and TJC!

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Fall 2016 Schedule

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

Adoration and Confession: 4:45-6:00pm @ JPII Center
Mass: 6:30pm @ Cowan (FAC 1009)

MONDAY

Adoration: 9:00-10:00am @ JPII Center
Campus Rosary: 6:30pm @ Harvey Deck
Monday Funday: 7:00pm, location changes

TUESDAY

Adoration and Confession: 4:00-5:15pm @ JPII Center
Mass: 5:30pm @ JPII Center
Christian Initiation Classes: 7:00-8:30pm @ JPII Center

WEDNESDAY

Adoration: 1:00-5:00pm @ JPII Center
Confession: 3:15-4:45pm @ JPII Center
Mass: 5:30pm @ JPII Center
Catholic Underground: 6:00-8:00pm @ JPII Center

THURSDAY

Adoration and Confession: 4:00-5:15pm @ JPII Center
Mass: 5:30pm @ JPII Center
"Your Body and God": 7:00-8:00pm @ JPII Center

FRIDAY

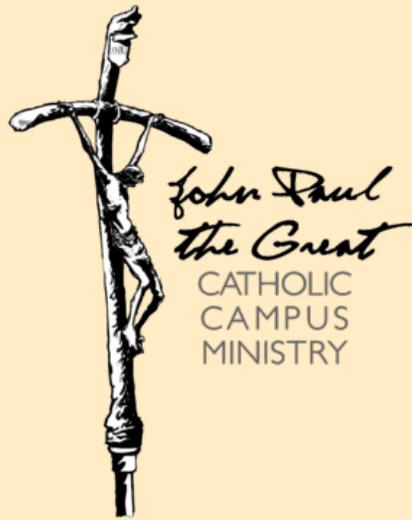
Adoration and Confession: 11:00am-12:00pm @ JPII Center
Mass: 12:15pm @ JPII Center



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