



Building Community... Sustaining Faith

WORSHIP, PRAYER, INQUIRY, AND SERVICE.

These are the four pillars of the Harvard Catholic Center's (HCC) mission through which Harvard Catholic students live their faith. At the Harvard Business School (HBS), Catholic students are gathering to worship, pray, inquire, and serve with incredible passion, intention, and commitment. We had the pleasure of learning more about this vibrant, faith-filled community during recent conversations with the HBS Catholic Student Association (HBS/CSA) leadership.

Jacky Kwong '17, Co-President, spoke enthusiastically about weekly Mass and its impact. "Sunday Mass on campus allows us to celebrate the nourishing Body and Blood of Christ with other students and young professionals. There aren't many opportunities to interact during the week, so the 8pm Mass really brings us together." He spoke of a dedicated group that celebrates Mass weekly, and enjoys socializing afterwards. Some students find that attending weekly Mass 'centers' them for the week ahead. The post-Mass gathering – i.e. 'living' their faith and connecting with their peers – essentially winds up being as important as the worship itself. "As Catholics we are able to share our faith with one another, serve as a witness for Christ and be around others who are faithful; I am encouraged to deepen my faith and be more active," says Alberto Guillen '17, Chief Financial Officer.

While Mass is central to the HBS/CSA community, offering meaning and balance to the week, it is also a touchstone from which other activities evolve. "Many of us attend the popular monthly pasta dinners at the HCC. Bible study began in mid-October on the HBS campus and we are getting good weekly turn-out" notes Jacky. "We also like the variety of faith-based discussion groups at the Center. Father Salzmann's "Theology on Tap", for example, is a great way to meet with other students to discuss theology over a pint." And Heidi Grossman '17, Director of Operations, excitedly talked about how smaller groups of students self-organize to meet casually for dinner, and to stay connected with each other and with their faith. "The loosely structured dinners are a good opportunity," she said, "for individuals to build faith, fellowship, and knowledge for the future." The HBS/CSA students also strongly support the lecture series and panel discussions, at both the business school and the Harvard Catholic Center. Jacky in particular expressed an interest in inviting more speakers who intentionally integrate their personal faith with their professional careers, and the other officers agreed.

In the Catholic tradition of serving those less fortunate, these young leaders are keenly aware of, and committed to, social justice issues. Whether it be as future policy makers, executives of socially responsible companies,



Fr. George Salzmann with the HBS Catholic community.

or, at this stage in their lives, volunteers; they all are committed to service. Co-President Tom Dunn '17, views service projects as an area to strengthen. This semester he is reaching out to a homeless shelter in Boston to coordinate a 'volunteer day.' He is also connected to service projects organized by the HCC/St. Paul Parish, and is encouraged by the number of volunteer opportunities available. "Putting the Gospel into action is a strong goal this year. I think it is important to include volunteering and service as part of the faith/school/work/life balance that we all are trying to achieve."

These four inspiring students reveal that, in the spirit of our mission, worship, prayer, inquiry, and service are traditions that *do* develop informed and compassionate Catholic leaders. They *are* using their intellectual and spiritual gifts for the benefit of the Church and the world. St. Mother Teresa professed, "God has not called me to be successful. He has called me to be faithful." This young leadership team is blessed to have the great potential to be both. [HCC](#)

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Catholic Center,
*Faith, Family, Work***



HOW DO WE INTEGRATE OUR FAITH WITH OUR WORK? It's a question that many students struggle with as they journey into the business world. Scripture tells us that we are all called to lead lives of holiness and to be witnesses for Christ. Therefore, actions in the workplace necessarily become a critical component of responding to that call. The Harvard Catholic Center works closely with the Harvard Business School Catholic Student Association, and with all Catholic students at the university, to nourish their faith and to inspire them to keep their Catholic values close in mind and heart as our future leaders and professionals.

I am pleased that this newsletter highlights the HBS/CSA leadership and provides you with a sense of the thriving Catholic community on the business school campus. I am also very happy to report that Dan '83 and Grace Moore have offered an even greater matching gift challenge for the HCC. They were so pleased by your response to their "30 by 30" challenge this summer that they renewed their commitment to match every *NEW* and *INCREASED* gift, up to **\$70,000, throughout the Advent season!** The Harvard Catholic Center had its best fundraising year ever last year because of your loyal and generous support; you understand the importance of a thriving Catholic ministry at Harvard.

Please consider taking advantage of the Advent Matching Gift Challenge to help the HCC achieve an even greater level of success. Our goal to raise \$600,000 during this fiscal year is an ambitious one. Your gift will allow us to remain an ever present force for Jesus Christ across the entire campus today, and impact our leaders of tomorrow. Thank you... we cannot say it enough!

Yours in Christ,

William T. Kelly, S.T.D.
SENIOR CHAPLAIN AND PASTOR



Faith in Action

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them." – Matthew 18:20

YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT HARVARD CATHOLIC STUDENTS AND YOUNG professionals are gathering in His name with faith and fervor. You should also know some of their very personal reasons as to why they are gathering; some to deepen their faith, others to build community, and many to experience fellowship. At times they simply just want 'be Catholic' in the welcoming and supportive environments created by the Center and the parish. These vibrant young adults are called to gather not only by God's grace, but also through the goodwill of an exceptionally engaged and supportive chaplaincy. Most gatherings at the HCC are shaped by students taking on leadership roles; conversely, other individuals are more comfortable being devoted participants or 'pitching-in' whenever and wherever needed. So in the Roman Catholic tradition as described in our mission, Harvard Catholic students are enthusiastically gathering, in the light of His path, to worship, pray, inquire, and serve, in the following ways:

- † Daily and Sunday liturgies:
Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers
- † TOTUS Tuesday – weekly Adoration
- † Verbum Dei
- † Lumen Veritatis
- † Cor ad Cor
- † Theology by the Slice – Undergraduate students
- † Theology by the Pint – Graduate students
- † "How I Stayed Catholic at Harvard" Book Event
- † Foreign Film Night
- † Pasta Dinners and Potluck Events
- † Weekly Rosary Prayer Group
- † Full-Day and Weekend Retreats
- † St. Paul's Parish Food Pantry
- † Cambridge Elder Care Center
- † Harvard Square Homeless Shelter
- † Harvard Chaplains Interfaith Thanksgiving Project
- † Community Servings, MA
- † Religious Education at St. Paul's Parish

Double your gift during the Advent Challenge!

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