

Catholic Student Community

Overview

The Catholic Student Community, administered by the Department of Student Life and Ministry and located primarily in the Magis Catholic Community Lounge on the lower level of the Danna Student Center, supports the spiritual and holistic growth of all students interested in learning about the Catholic faith and/or growing in their experience of it. Development of Ignatian ideals is provided through spirituality, service, and evangelization.

Rationale

As Loyola University New Orleans prioritizes the elevation of Catholic identity among its student community, Student Life and Ministry offers resources and expertise to strengthen the relationships among and between students seeking a deeper experience of Catholicism. These relationships will equip students to explore and grow in their Catholic faith to positively impact retention and resilience. This exploration and growth will include regular invitation to consider declaring a Catholic Studies Minor.

Program Outcomes

- As a result of participating in Catholic Student Community activities, students will increase their sense of the value of community in Catholic life.
- As a result of participating in Catholic Student Community activities, students will acquire deeper and broader knowledge of Catholic church teaching, including Catholic Social Teaching and Ignatian Spirituality.
- As a result of participating in Catholic Student Community activities, students will have enhanced articulation of growth in their relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

Assessment

Program outcomes, satisfaction, and needs will be measured through qualitative and quantitative data gathered during interactions with affiliated students at all Catholic Student Community events and a survey administered in late spring.

Programs

- Weekday weekly Mass and Bible Study Lunch
- Weekly Dinner and Program, including speakers, topics of study around church documents and teaching, and promotion of vocations to priesthood and religious life
- Periodic “Holy Hours” including Eucharistic adoration and the sacrament of Reconciliation
- Weekly Sunday student Mass in the Chapel of St. Ignatius
- Sodality to our Lady
- Spring formal dance
- Outreach activities to the wider student population, such as trivia nights
- Service opportunities in the greater New Orleans area sponsored by Student Life and Ministry
- Reflection opportunities including a Catholic-themed retreat and other retreats sponsored by Student Life and Ministry

Personnel

The Catholic Student Community will be co-led by the Associate Director of Ministry and the University Minister for Catholic Community & Latino Ministries. The work will be accomplished

in collaboration with University and Resident Ministers, Student Life and Ministry professional and student staff in consultation with the Office of Mission and Identity and the Canizaro Center for Catholic Studies.