



CCM Leadership Covenant

Catholic Campus Ministry at Old Dominion University is a Christ-centered community that seeks to be a true witness to the Catholic Faith. Through the sacraments, religious formation, prayer, and camaraderie, we strive to live out Christ's calling for ourselves both now and in the future.

I understand that serving on the Leadership Team or on the Small Group Leader Team involves a significant time commitment. Therefore, while my vocation as a college student will always be foremost, I will manage my time so that I can:

- Participate in Regular Meetings: weekly for Leadership Team and monthly for Small Group Leaders.
- Meet individually with the CCM Director monthly.
- Be present at key CCM events (though not necessarily all) on a weekly basis, including attending small groups.
- Personally reach out to my fellow Catholic students to invite and welcome them to our community.
- Plan, organize, and carry out the responsibilities of my position.
- Empower, encourage, and mentor the students who assist me in my responsibilities.

I understand that by accepting this leadership position, I represent more than myself, for I will be representing Catholic Campus Ministry at Old Dominion University and in a more limited, but wider sense, the Catholic Church. I also understand that my fellow students will look to me as a representative not only at CCM events, but when they see me at other times and in other contexts as well. Therefore, I will do my best to conduct myself according to these principles:

- I will regularly practice my Catholic faith by attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation, regular personal prayer, and seeking the Sacrament of Reconciliation when needed.
- I will respect Catholic teaching and seek to grow in my own understanding of the Catholic faith. I will not teach my fellow students anything contrary to the Catholic faith, nor present my own opinions as authoritative in areas where I do not know what the Catholic teaching is on a given topic. Rather, I will admit the limits of what I know, and work together with my fellow students to find the answers to their questions from reliable Catholic sources.
- I will respect the pastoral care of the Catholic Campus Ministry community on all levels: the Chaplain and the Lay Director; the Pastor of Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church; the Bishop of the Diocese of Richmond and his staff; and the Pope and his delegates.
- I will do my best to be a good moral example to my fellow students, especially in matters that are morally challenging for many college students and can lead to serious physical, moral, emotional, and spiritual harm, including:
 - At any event, gathering, or party where my fellow students are present, if I am 21 or older, I will only drink in moderation. If I am under 21, I will not consume alcoholic beverages.
 - I will not use illegal drugs.
 - I will seek the virtue of chastity in my own life and I will show respect for my fellow students by avoiding behavior that could make their own struggle for chastity more difficult.
- I will not talk about what was discussed at Leadership meetings and/or Small Group Leader meetings, but rather honor the confidentiality required as a member of the Leadership Team and/or the Small Group Leader Team.
- I will be mindful of how I portray myself in social media. I will not post inappropriate or immodest pictures, use foul language, or publicly endorse anything that is contrary to Catholic teaching.
- I will relate to others in a Christian and charitable manner at all times.

As a member of the CCM Leadership Team or the Small Group Leader Team, I will take primary responsibility for keeping the above commitments. However, in a spirit of humble fraternal correction, I will also be open to listening to the concerns my fellow team members and pastoral team about how I keep these commitments, and likewise charitably bringing my concerns to them, so that we as a team may mutually encourage one another to become better leaders, and therefore better servant leaders, for our fellow students.