



CATHOLIC MONARCHS

CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY AT OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY

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.

Spring 2022

Dear Catholic Monarch Family,

This Spring Semester has been an amazing, albeit busy one! After a year hiatus, Catholic Monarchs were able to attend both the Virginia CCM Summit and the diocesan Encounter with Christ retreat! We also traveled over to Cape Charles, VA on the Eastern Shore for our Alternative Spring Break trip. While all of these trips provided for great opportunities to grow in one's faith and in community, it was the time spent at the CCM House that really brought it to fruition. Everyday, there are numerous students studying, praying, relaxing, playing games, or eating together in the House. It has been such a joy to see their love and support for each other grow throughout the semester!

This year, 2022, marks the 75th anniversary of a Catholic community on the campus of Old Dominion University! We are so excited to be at this milestone and are celebrating in fun ways, including 75th anniversary branded shirts and frisbees! We could not have been able to be a constant presence and light on campus for 75 years without the wonderful support and prayers from our extended Catholic Monarchs community. Thank you!

Maissa O'Neil James M. Glass



Milton cleaning out the basement



ODU & VCU's CCMs together with Fr. Michael Breslin at St. Charles Catholic Church



Maddie staining a picnic table



Mackenzie cleaning out a garage



Nathan pulling weeds



Jacqueline cleaning the parish classrooms



Arely & Mackenzie painting curbstops

ALTERNATIVE SPRING BREAK - CAPE CHARLES, VA

"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven" (Matthew 5:16).

We glorify God's Kingdom when we are selfless in volunteering and serving others. The shining light reflects the same love that God shows everyone. Alternative Spring Break was a great opportunity to find God in unexpected ways. As a group, completing tasks like picking up trash to repainting the concrete parking blocks at St. Charles Catholic Church was exciting. We were able to complete many projects throughout the week, all because we put our hands together as a team. Not only did I strengthen my friendships with students from ODU, but I also made friends with students from VCU. We also had a chance to play soccer with the kids from Cape Charles Christian School during recess. I had lots of fun and would want to go again.



-Milton Ortiz-Gonzalez, Class of 2025

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Excited while on the Summit bus



Catholic Monarchs at the CCM Summit



Representing ODU in Hudson Blue



Waiting for the General Session to begin

VIRGINIA CCM SUMMIT

I attended Summit 2022 with ODU's CCM this spring and had a great time. Summit provided a great opportunity for Catholics from colleges all over Virginia and neighboring states to gather, worship, and make connections with each other. Speakers encouraged us to "Breathe" in the Holy Spirit throughout the weekend and helped us to reignite our passion for our faith. Adoration was definitely one of my favorite parts of the weekend because it gave us time to sit with Jesus and soak in all that we had learned. This experience was incredibly eye-opening and helped me to better understand how important and necessary it is to have a connection with the Holy Spirit.



-Emma Vlcek, Class of 2024



Encounter with Christ Retreat



2021-2022 & 2022-2023 Leadership Teams



Hailey being confirmed at the Easter Vigil



Easter Vigil at Blessed Sacrament Church

ENCOUNTER WITH CHRIST RETREAT

This semester, I attended a retreat called Encounter With Christ with eight of my peers from CCM at ODU and members of other Catholic Campus Ministries across the diocese. It was wonderful to be far from any distractions of school or our busy college lives. Forty students all gathering to have a personal experience with Christ set a good tone for the weekend. I enjoyed my time getting to know everyone but I also enjoyed the alone time I had during free time and Eucharistic Adoration. Adoration at EWC was different than other times of adoration I have attended. This was much smaller and the mood felt personal, despite there being forty students there. It felt like it was just me and God. One of my favorite parts of the weekend was the bonfire, which I suppose is a visible representation of us being on fire for God. The bonfire was a great time for fellowship and a time to reflect on the past two days. I massively enjoyed gazing upon the stars that night and enjoying s'mores with everyone!



-Nathan Laurin, Class of 2022



Waiting for our CCM Easter Dinner



Easter Egg Hunt during Easter Dinner



CCM 75th Anniversary Frisbees



Catholic Monarch Sunglasses

HOW YOU CAN HELP

DONATE FOR SPECIFIC PROGRAMS

- \$50 - Provides for a week of liturgical supplies for both Sunday & Daily Masses.
- \$100 - Provides dinner and speaker stipend for one of our weekly Soul Food events.
- \$250 - Provides for needed updates to resources and supplies in the the CCM House.
- \$500 - Enables our students to attend life-changing retreats, events, & programs.

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