

## Verso L'Alto



In the past month I also got to honor St. Pier Giorgio Frassati by going on a hike in Shenandoah National Park, VA. It was a great day with Ethan and Joe (both juniors at Maryland) as we took in the beauty of God's creation and talked about some of our hopes for the year.

St. Pier Giorgio took this Italian phrase "verso l'alto" as his motto, which means "to the heights." In addition to being an avid mountain climber, he was also a devout Catholic who used this phrase to signify his desire to strive for holiness and a life oriented toward God. May we all strive for the heights!



## Coming Soon...

Coming up this weekend, September 26<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup>, the CSC will be holding its fall retreat in beautiful Edgewater, MD. This time we will be having a silent retreat and we are excited to see how this retreat will impact and deepen the prayer life of our students!

During the first weekend of October the CSC will host its family weekend. We are excited to meet the families of our students, to share about the powerful things going on with our ministry, and to display the new renovations at our Catholic Center. Also in October we will make our major push for invitations to SEEK!

### Prayer Intentions:

- For AJ, Eric, Mike, and Elijah as they lead the men's lacrosse team in Bible study
- For Madhav, a freshman who has expressed an openness to the faith, to continue to be drawn to the Truth

### How Can I Pray for You?

Please know of my prayers for you and feel free to send me prayer requests throughout the semester.

I'd love to pray for you and your intentions!

## Thank You!

You are such a gift to me!

I am so excited to see how many lives will change this year because of your generosity!

Because you care, many students will have the opportunity to experience the life-changing reality of Jesus Christ.

I look forward to sharing with you in October how the students at Maryland were impacted during these next few weeks of the semester.

As always, thank you for your prayers and support!

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## First Glance at the Newman Room!





# Led by the Spirit

## September 2025 Mission Update

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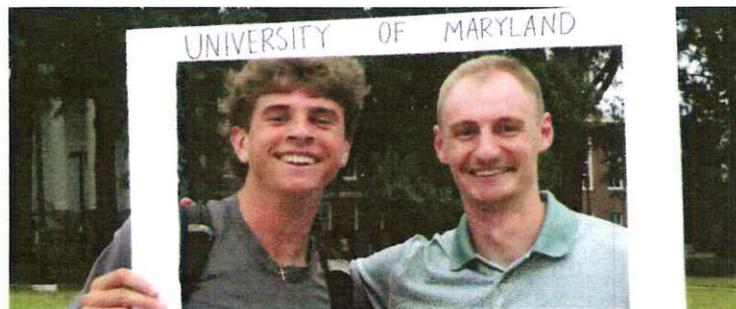
### Come, Holy Spirit!

Heading into this new school year, our ministry staff discerned that the theme for us should be "Come, Holy Spirit" given the many changes we are navigating in our ministry personnel and our physical space at the Catholic Student Center (you can get a glimpse of this at the bottom of the next page!). Looking back now, just one month into the semester, we can see that this theme has been more than appropriate. The Holy Spirit has been showing up big time and moving with power over our campus at the University of Maryland! We have seen significant increases in Mass attendance,



*Good food and good community at the Welcome Back BBQ!*

Bible study participation, and interest in OCIA (the process for entering into the Catholic Church). Last year we had 24 students enter the Church at the Easter Vigil. This year we already have nearly 40 students participating or interested in OCIA! We have also seen a hunger and zeal from our student leaders to live out mission and bear witness to the Gospel. Our missionary team has been working with these student leaders to make many invitations to the souls on campus, including invites to Wednesday Night Dinner, Mass, and to join a Bible study to name a few.



*First Day of Class photo with Matt!*

### Highway to Heaven



On September 7<sup>th</sup>, we celebrated a truly monumental day with the canonization of St. Carlo Acutis and St. Pier Giorgio Frassati. We believe the intercession of these two patron saints of young people are also contributing to so many students at the University of Maryland seeking the Truth right now!

St. Carlo often said that the Eucharist was his "highway to heaven." We heeded the words of the first millennium saint by celebrating the day with Eucharistic Procession (below) and Holy Hour with veneration of a first-class relic (above) of St. Carlo Acutis!

