



## St. Peter Catholic Student Center

# Baylor Catholic

Spring 2018

Serving the Catholic Community at Baylor University, McLennan Community College & Texas State Technical College

## Baylor Catholic Gathering: A Milestone Event

**Some of the richest Catholic fellowship happening in the country can be found in a surprising place: the world's largest Baptist University in Waco, Texas.**

Baylor is home to an exceptional and growing Catholic community that lives, works, and studies together. This past fall the Catholic fellowship celebrated an historic moment with the first annual Baylor Catholic Gathering, an on-campus event held by the Baylor Catholic Network, a collaboration of Baylor University and St. Peter Catholic Student Center.

This event was held at the impressive Foster Campus for Business and Innovation where a group of about 75 faculty and staff and 30 students and alumni came together, building more momentum for our vibrant community.

Dr. Sinda Vanderpool, Baylor's Associate Vice Provost for Academic Enrollment Management and the St. Peter Leadership Council Chairperson, conceived of the Baylor Catholic Gathering. The event had a simple mission: bring together the many Baylor Catholic faculty and staff with our students so that students could recognize this fellowship and the support they have as Catholic students at Baylor.



The gathering was sponsored in part by the Confraternity of Mary, a faculty and staff fellowship group founded in 2016. The group, which hosts a First Friday coffee, hopes to further build community and fellowship and be a keen witness to their faith lives in their staff and academic roles.

The Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS) also co-sponsored the event, as well as the Baylor Catholic Student Association (BCSA), a student-lead, Baylor-sponsored organization that fosters fellowship and formation on campus.

Dr. Corey Carbonara, veteran Baylor Film and Digital Media professor and Master Teacher, shared some of the community history and his own testimony, along with Natalie Terry, a Baylor Senior Academic Advisor. A common thread among all speakers, including Dr. Vanderpool, was their gratitude for and recognition of the sincere faith, witness, and commitment that flows from this Catholic community.



### St. Peter 2017-2018 Leadership Council

Sinda Vanderpool, *Chairperson*  
Celina Basaldu  
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## Director's Spotlight – Fr. Daniel Liu



**"Be saints! You were not made to fit in — you were made to stand out."** A very challenging but inspiring line from actor Jim Caviezel's speech, who made a surprise appearance at the FOCUS Student Leadership Summit (SLS18) conference in Chicago in front of over 6,000 student leaders.

40 Baylor Catholics attended the event, and Caviezel's address was one of the many highlights of a powerful conference. One of the greatest challenges for most people today is the fear of being rejected. It's just easier to fit in, which isn't always a bad thing. It's good to follow others when following leads us to Truth and Goodness. But when fitting in means keeping our faith private, feeling ashamed of making the Sign of the Cross, or approving of injustice and immorality, then God calls us to stand out.

God does want us to fit in: to fit into His plans and designs as one Church and one Eucharist. Encouraging me in my vocation as a priest, it was very powerful to experience all of these young people, each unique and diverse in so many ways, worshipping God in unity as we, together, receive the one Eucharist.

After fitting in as a member of the Body of Christ, we are equipped and sent to go out into a fallen and fractured world that may not always accept God's love. We can fit in, but stand out, and go forth announcing the message of hope that God desires that true unity is based in the love revealed in Jesus' ultimate act of love on the cross.

Since coming back, the challenges we all face as a community of Faith are still with us, there is still brokenness, still wounds, but I have seen more students confronting their fears and accepting their calling to be saints and generously begin to give an even more loving witness by standing out...standing out for the deepest love and truth of their heart: Jesus Christ.

## 10 Years of Liturgical Beauty, Tradition and Vocations

*By Dr. Michael Foley, Associate Professor of Patristics at Baylor University*

**On September 16th, the St. Gregory Society celebrated** its 10th anniversary with a glorious high Mass and commemorative dinner. During the banquet, society chairman Michael Foley paid tribute to the various area celebrants of the Latin Mass: Fr. David Leibham, Fr. Albert Laforet, Msgr. Mark Deering, Fr. Justin Nguyen, and Fr. Daniel Liu, our present society chaplain.

The first Latin Mass was celebrated on September 14, 2007 at St. Louis Catholic Church. This was the first day that Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI's *Summorum Pontificum* took effect, which opened up the use of the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite. The Latin Mass in Waco was celebrated at St. Louis Catholic Church for seven years, and thanks to Fr. Daniel, it continues at St. Peter Catholic Student Center, where it's been celebrated since 2013.

In the 10 years the St. Gregory Society has supported the Extraordinary Form, we've had a number of baptisms, weddings, funerals, and confirmations in the *usus antiquior*, as well as several vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Louis Gustave de Torcy entered the Community of St. Martin in France. Kyle Nesrsta and Martin Mebane became seminarians for the Austin Diocese. Alex Scheibner, now Br. John David, C.F.R., entered the Franciscan Friars for Renewal. Faith Wardlaw, now Sr. Peter Joseph, discerned a Dominican vocation to become one of the Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist.

May God grant us many more.

The St. Gregory Society also aids the celebration of the traditional Dominican rite celebrated by Fr. Robert Verrill, O.P.. It has also restored a number of paraliturgical customs such as the Feast of Christ the King Eucharistic procession, the blessing of homes with chalk on Epiphany, the blessing of the bonfire on St. John the Baptist's feast day, the blessing of candles on the Purification, and the celebration of Tenebrae during Holy Week.

The St. Gregory Society looks forward to the next 10 years at St. Peter Catholic Student Center!



*Fr. Daniel Liu celebrates an Extraordinary Form Requiem Mass, November 2nd, 2017*



# SLS18: Leaders Transformed in Chicago



**January in Chicago is frigid.** While the temps dipped as low as 12 degrees January 2-6, Fr. Daniel Liu and 40 Baylor Catholic students stayed warm in Chicago at the FOCUS Student Leadership Summit (SLS18) held on Chicago's beautiful waterfront at McCormick Place. They had fellowship, took part in adoration and Holy Mass, attended training and leadership lessons, and received rich inspiration from stellar speakers like Bishop Robert Barron, Fr. Mike Schmitz, Sr. Bethany Madonna, S.V., and many more.

The impact was incredible, and we spoke with two students, Cassandra Rodriguez and Eliza Sims, about what was most memorable and transformative about the experience.

They said that one of the most memorable moments was just meeting so many other young Catholics. They were truly impressed not only with how awesome the students were, but were inspired by their dedication to their faith.



When we asked Eliza and Cassandra about how their personal resolutions might have changed by attending SLS18, they related that they learned how to teach others about prayer in some of the workshops, and this helped them to make resolutions and commitments in their own prayer life and relationship with the Lord.

Read the full conversation at [www.baylorcatholic.wordpress.com](http://www.baylorcatholic.wordpress.com).



*Above left : Selena Reyes and Eliza Sims*



*Right: Casandra Rodriguez and Ella Carbonara*

## New FOCUS Missionary: Leah Bostany



My name is Leah Bostany and I'm thrilled to be serving as a FOCUS missionary at Baylor! I was born and raised in Birmingham, Alabama, and I graduated from Auburn University last December with a degree in Biomedical Sciences. I come from a huge Middle Eastern family, and so I am truly grateful for the family atmosphere at St. Peter Catholic Student Center! My favorite

pastimes are cooking and reading anything and everything. As a missionary, my deepest desire is bring students closer to the redemptive love of Christ through virtuous, authentic relationships. I look forward to meeting Baylor students in their journeys toward sainthood!

*St. Peter Catholic Student Center's FOCUS missionary team for 2018. Left to right: Eric Goetz, Samanta White, Leah Bostany, Annie Donovan, and Wyatt Kain*



## New Handcrafted Donation Box

Special thanks to Don Gaitros for crafting this beautiful donation box, located in the foyer by the office. Mr. Gaitros is the Chair Emeritus of the Baylor Computer Science department and former St. Peter Leadership Council member. Community members can use the box to place their after hours donations as well as registration information and other sign up cards.



## Center Improvements

**We've been able to make several improvements throughout the center thanks to the generosity of our benefactors!**

- New audio system in the chapel**
- New water dispenser**
- New sink**
- Updated security software, new cameras**

*Thank  
you!*



# St. Peter Catholic Student Center *Happenings.* . .



Above: The Baylor Catholic Choir continues to grow and expand under the direction of Dr. Jayna Martin.



Above: Fr. Daniel celebrated a Baccalaureate Mass on December 16th, 2017 in honor of December graduates Juan Mayorga, Evan Morley, Stephan Rahimian, and Lorena Pineda.



Above: The Knights of Columbus hosted their kNight Run on November 10th, 2017, which included a short run on Baylor's Bear Trail and several meditations on bearing the light of Christ to the world.



Above: Baylor Catholics enjoyed coffee, dancing, and fellowship during the annual Baylor Catholic Student Association Christmas Coffee on December 1st, 2017.



Above: Baylor Catholics know how to study for finals the right way—with lots of food and a bonfire!



Left: Baylor Catholics joined the National March for Life in Washington, D.C. on January 19th, 2018.



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9:30 am, 11:30 am, 9 pm

*Extraordinary Form Latin*

Saturday 5:30 pm

### Daily Schedule

Mass: M, T, Th, F 5:30pm

Mass: W 12:15pm

Confession: 4:30pm

Adoration: 4:30pm

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# FOCUS Student Leadership Conference (SLS18)

January 2–6, 2018 • Chicago

(See page 3 for more.)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Spring Garden Party.....April 14

Last Day of Classes.....April 27

Senior Reception.....May 5

Baccalaureate Mass.....May 11

For more information visit

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