

SPRING 2017



Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind.

Romans 12:2

With your help, young Catholics are being transformed in mind and heart through classes like our new “Catholic Feminism” class led by Dr. Jennifer Miller (above, front row left with her students), going to SEEK2017 (a Catholic conference for 12,000+ students), retreats, lectures, praying together, having fun together and learning what it Catholic disciple of Jesus Christ and live and work in today’s world. Thank YOU for impacting the lives of these



– Director of Campus Ministry, **Fr. Thomas Schaeffgen, OP**, tschaefg@tulane.edu

TRANSFORMED BY YOUR GIFTS.

Your generosity has allowed students like **Ben, Carolyn** and **Andrew** to be transformed through great opportunities!

Christian life is all about transformation—and what happens at Tulane Catholic shouldn’t be any different. All the spiritual activities—and even the social and service activities—that we plan have a connection back to transforming young

college student’s lives. They begin to think more and more about God and others before themselves, they develop deeper prayer lives and they invest in one another to build up each other into the saints they are called to be!



*Tulane Catholics like **Carol, Natalie, Carolyn, Kallin** and **Parker** in this photo helped flood victims gut their homes and reinstall sheetrock in Albany, LA, after the flooding in September 2016.*

MEET BEN

Ben is a first year law student at Tulane and a Jazz musician from New Jersey. He came back to the Church during his junior year at Tulane after he was invited by Jack, a missionary serving at Tulane last Spring.

@SEEK2017

In January, Ben and 70 other Tulane students went to SEEK2017, a conference for college students in San Antonio hosted by the Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS).

“ I thought that only Jesus freaks went to SEEK. If that's true then count me in that number. I will never forget the image of over 12,000 young people praising God throughout the week. If this is the future of the Church, I think it's in good hands!

The talks at SEEK helped me transform my faith life from an obligation to a passion. I now have the courage to speak openly about my faith and how important Christ is to me.

I know the sacrifices YOU make to sustain Tulane Catholic's community and make it grow and I realize without you we wouldn't have a community! ”

Ben (top, on the left) with Greg, Parker, Andrew and Rachel; Ben reflects after a talk at SEEK (middle); some of the 70 Tulane students who attended SEEK2017 pose together (bottom).





Carolyn ('19, top, on the right) with Lauren and Christie; Carolyn attends the "Catholic Feminism" class (middle); and enjoys crawfish with Kallin and Danny (bottom, on the right).

MEET CAROLYN

A sophomore at Tulane, she's embraced all the opportunities to grow in her faith that YOU'VE made possible for her, like our "Catholic Feminism" class for Tulane women!

@CATHOLIC FEMINISM

“ I always found it difficult to defend the Church's view on women, because I honestly didn't understand it myself. But now, I truly feel that I have a better understanding of what it means to be a Catholic woman in society. This amazing group of women [in our Catholic Feminism class] comes from varying backgrounds and ages and interests, but we are united in our desire to understand the amazing gift that it is from God to be made woman! ”

Thanks to YOU, Carolyn and her classmates are growing as Catholic women!



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DID YOU KNOW?

One third of all SaintMakers (automatic monthly donors) are students! **Carolyn is one of them:**

"I'm very proud as a student SaintMaker to be able to support amazing opportunities for myself and other students... like the gift of our Catholic Feminism class."

—Carolyn Babendreier, '19

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SEND STUDENTS A MESSAGE

We'd love to share YOUR thoughts and insights with students who are trying to find their place on campus and good friends to help them grow in their faith in Christ. They love hearing from you!

Would you share a personal story or offer them a word of encouragement?

Your message will be posted for students to read at the *Fr. Val McInnes, OP Center for Catholic Life* next to Tulane's campus, the new home for Tulane Catholic! If you're an alum, don't forget to include your class year and major.

HOW YOU TRANSFORM LIVES AT TULANE

Often, priests get asked the question: “What’s your favorite part of being a priest?” Maybe you’ve wondered that as well. What moves me the most to witness as a priest is **conversion**.

In my mind, there’s nothing more beautiful than helping someone be **transformed** into the person God is calling him or her to be. That’s why I love working with college students. There’s a lot of negativity out there about the younger generation—millennials. But the college age millennials I work with never cease to amaze me, especially when they are transformed and their hearts are set on fire. Let me give you a few examples.

For instance, the other night, at the height of Mardi Gras season, I had students come to me begging to have a Holy Hour of prayer after Sunday Mass. I didn’t have anything scheduled because I assumed everyone wanted to be at the parades that night—and don’t get me wrong, they had gone to parades too—but they were committed to prayer. I was so impressed to watch 20 young people sit in the chapel in silence for an hour at night. But this is normal for them. And why do they do it? Because they’ve fallen in love.

Another example: the students with whom I went on mission to Honduras this January. Over the course of 7 days I watched and listened as they went through a series of intense interior changes, growing in compassion, self-awareness, generosity and love for God and neighbor.

Or, for instance, a young man who went to SEEK2017 and while in prayer, couldn’t stop thinking about all his friends on campus and how he wanted to reach out to them. Or another young man who is now discerning the priesthood. Or a young woman who gave up a year of her life to work with immigrants in Houston, Texas. Or the young people now in RCIA preparing for Baptism. Or the students who are now coming to me wanting to be confirmed—realizing that they now want to live out their faith with intensity and commitment.

These are the everyday conversions and transformations I see at Tulane Catholic. **They simply would not happen without your generous support. Thank you for changing their lives... and mine.**

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Thomas Schaeffgen, OP". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the letters "Thom" and "Schaeffgen" clearly visible, followed by "OP" in a smaller, more compact script.

– Director of Campus Ministry, **Fr. Thomas Schaeffgen, OP**, tschaeffg@tulane.edu



Andrew Lemoine, class of '16 (top, front left), takes a selfie with students from Tulane University, where he now serves as a FOCUS missionary. The Lemoine family (bottom) poses together at Tulane Homecoming.

Andrew and his parents Jay & Gaynell are also **SAINTMAKERS**—members of our monthly giving society.

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ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

MEET ANDREW AND HIS PARENTS

“ If it had not been for James [a FOCUS missionary at Tulane from 2013-2015], I would be doing work that I did not love, in a job that I did not want, searching for the fulfillment of my life in vain. James invited me, invested in me, and helped me attempt to walk down the straight and narrow. After graduating, I became a SaintMaker to help build up the future of our Church. I want every student that walks through the doors of the Catholic Center to have the opportunity to grow in faith and fellowship like I did. ”

—Andrew Lemoine, '16 Neuroscience

After a missionary, James, had such a strong impact on Andrew, he decided to become one himself. He's now in his first of two years of missionary work on campus at Tulane University!

“ We realized that without Tulane Catholic, Andrew's relationship with God might not be what it is today, and he would not be spreading the gospel to other young people. Tulane Catholic was pivotal in his life and so many other young adults. That's why we became SaintMakers! ”

—Gaynell & Jay Lemoine

HOW DID YOU help Andrew?

Each year four Catholic missionaries are sent to Tulane to share themselves and the Gospel with students.

It costs \$15,000 per year to support each missionary and your gifts help provide for this! Not too bad, when you consider that they're on the front line—fighting for souls and the future of our Church.

One of these missionaries, James reached out to Andrew when he was a student... and now Andrew has followed in his footsteps and become a missionary too! Thank you for reaching out to Tulane students through our FOCUS missionaries on campus!

If you'd like more information: e-mail [Madelaine Kuns \(mkuns@tulane.edu\)](mailto:mkuns@tulane.edu) or call (504-866-0984).