

TULANE CATHOLIC

Young people must say to the world—to follow Christ is good!

Pope Francis

Many voices are telling our young people to seek pleasure and success—starting in college. At the same time we hear tragic stories on campuses (including ours) of deep emptiness, depression, and even suicide. The message of the Gospel is always inviting young people to discover meaning through the Cross of Jesus Christ. Your support of Tulane Catholic means that students can find love, community and growth at a critical time in their lives!



– Director of Campus Ministry, **Fr. Thomas Schaefer, OP**, tschaefer@tulane.edu



GOOD PROBLEMS

So it turns out there is such a thing as a good problem! At Tulane Catholic we are experiencing them every week: more students than we expected... at Mass, at Sunday Suppers, on retreat, etc.

We estimate around 200 students are visiting the new Fr. McInnes Center for Catholic Life (*left*) each week! Due to the increase in attendance, we may run out of the budgeted funds for many of our programs before the first semester is over! A great problem to have!

Sunday Mass attendance is up 75% from an average of 75 students at our 6 pm Sunday Mass last semester to **130!** Since moving into the new 140-seat Chapel (*photo above*) both Sunday Masses (10 am & 6 pm) are regularly full! Another great problem to have!

MEET BEN



Ben came to Tulane planning to study medicine—hoping to secure his future financially. Like so many other Tulane students, he's on scholarship. When he left high school, God was not in his life and had no place in his future. Years of bullying led him to believe that all he had to offer the world was his music (he's played piano for 13 years now). He first got involved because he wanted to improve the music at Mass! Now he leads the choir and helps others develop their musical talents. Most importantly, through a retreat as a freshman and discipleship with FOCUS, he has discovered his identity as a child of God:

“ **My Tulane Catholic Family reminds me everyday that I am a treasured son of God**, loved by Him and by my family here. Daily I am reminded of God's call to realize the best part of myself through the accountability and support of my family at Tulane Catholic. I am blessed to have these lifelong friendships that remind me of who I am and who God has called me to be. ”



THANKS TO YOUR GIFT BEN CAN SHARE HIS GIFTS!

Bethany, Meagan, Emily & Chris enjoy the Grand Opening!





“Everyday I am reminded of God’s call to realize the best part of myself.”

– Ben Batalla, ‘16

Ben plays the piano with friends.



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MEET KALLIN & HER PARENTS

*Kallin ('17, far right)
and her family: John (dad), Hailey
& Zoe (sisters), Stacy (mom)*

“We know that Tulane Catholic is there for Kallin.”

– Stacy Zehren,
mother of Kallin Zehren '17

“ **As parents of two college students**, we worry about the constant temptations for our daughters to make poor choices while away from home, surrounded by other students who don’t share our values and beliefs. It’s easy to get lazy with your faith and start skipping mass for lame excuses. Tulane Catholic is such a Godsend for both our daughter Kallin and us.

The Catholic Center is Kallin's second home, she’s surrounded by people who love the Lord and share her values and beliefs. We know that Tulane Catholic is there for Kallin in good times and times of need, spiritual or physical. Kallin has met some amazing and dedicated people there who have made a huge impact on her life and I believe will be her lifelong friends!



THANKS TO YOUR GIFT KALLIN HAS A HOME ON CAMPUS!



ALUMNI SPOT LIGHT

*George & Mary Sacks with Fr. Thomas at the Grand Opening
of the new Fr. Val A. McInnes, OP, Center for Catholic Life.*

George graduated from Tulane in 1977.

“ The Tulane Catholic Center was an integral part of my college experience at Tulane. From daily and Sunday masses, to the hamburger cookouts, retreats, and special events, the spiritual and academic experience and memories of those years have not only had an impact on my life, but who I am and who I became.

It is heart warming for me to witness that same spirit and enthusiasm in today's Catholic students at Tulane. **The cross stands high and is visible again above the Tulane Campus!** ”

– George Sacks, '77

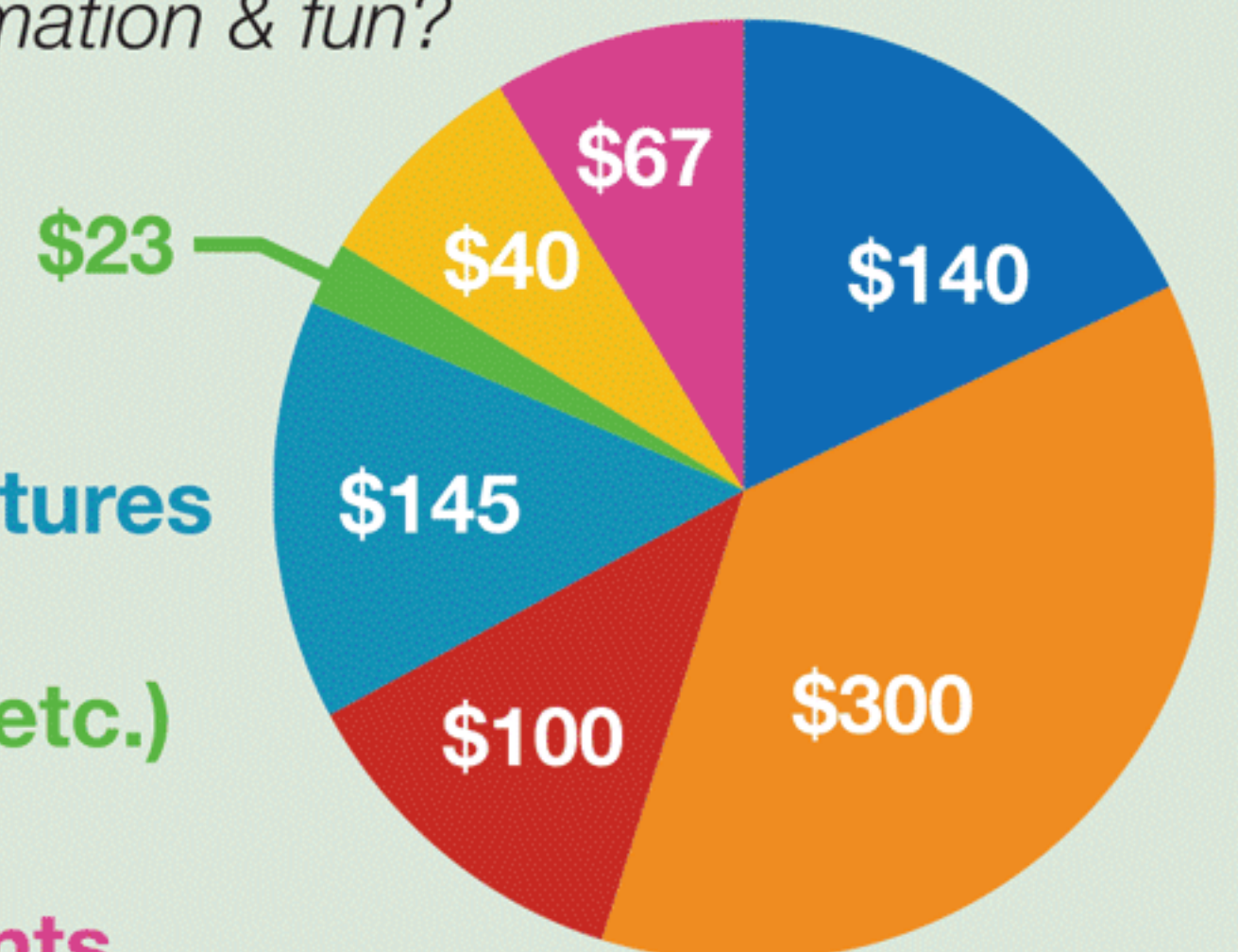
**THANKS TO GEORGE & ALL OUR
ALUMNI FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

\$815

Did you know it costs on average **\$815 a year*** for us to provide **one student** with a year of Catholic formation & fun?

- Sunday Night Supper
- FOCUS Discipleship
- Retreats
- Catholic Classes & Lectures
- Socials (cookouts, dances, parties, etc.)
- Conferences
- Spiritual Life (Sacraments, Spiritual Direction, Choir, etc.)



**Does not include administrative overhead, building maintenance, staff and other costs.*



THANK YOU