

SPRING 2019



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“ **LOVE FOR THE POOR**
in whom the Church sees Christ himself,
is made concrete in the
PROMOTION OF JUSTICE ”

– Saint John Paul II

Thanks to your support, Tulane Catholic students are **promoting justice and human life on campus and around the world!**

*Both Madeleine and Chloe have advocated for justice in Washington, DC.
Madeleine, with Catholic Relief Services at the US Capitol (above with other college students)
and Chloe (below, middle) at the March for Life.*

INSIDE:

Find out more
about how Tulane
students like Madeleine
and Chloe promote
justice on campus
and in the world!



CRS Student Ambassadors prepare a presentation and poster for tabling on campus about the international migration crisis and the work of CRS for migrants.



MEET MADELEINE

Madeleine Woolverton is a Sociology and Dance Senior with a minor in Social Innovation and Social Entrepreneurship from Baton Rouge, LA.



Madeleine (top left), president of CRS Student Ambassadors, poses with Anna and Chesna.

“ I love Catholic Relief Services (CRS) because it is the direct response to our Catholic faith in response to social justice. It takes our prayer and turns it into action. We run awareness campaigns on campus, host prayer events, participate in legislative advocacy, and host fundraising campaigns for CRS. ”

—Madeleine Woolverton, '19

You might think that all young people would agree that human trafficking needs to end. But some of our students met opposition when they tabled on campus to raise awareness about human trafficking.

Unfortunately, they found that some students on campus opposed legislation meant to fight human trafficking because it might take jobs away from women who choose to work in the sex industry. In response, one CRS Ambassador proposed: “Then, shouldn't we promote a culture that helps women make money in a different way?” A way that promotes their dignity.

According to CRS, “over 21 million people are caught in human trafficking around the world... Catholic Relief Services (CRS) has addressed human trafficking through more than 145 projects around the world since 2000. The CRS approach... is based on Catholic social teaching and mandates that we protect, preserve and promote human dignity.”

Tulane Catholics serving as Student Ambassadors advocate for CRS's mission to respond to humanitarian crises and promote integral human development according to Catholic teaching.

“ **I think TURTL (Tulane University Right to Life) brings hope to Tulane’s campus.** Unfortunately, Tulane has a history with student suicides since I have been here and before I came. Having this group that supports life from conception to natural death shows that there are people on campus that see the dignity in each person’s life **regardless of the circumstances that he/she may be in.** ”

—Chloe Boudreaux, '19

Chloe got involved with Tulane’s pro-life club—Tulane University Right to Life (TURTL)—when she was a freshman and has been greatly impacted by her experience over the past 4 years. TURTL advocates on campus about various “pro-life” causes and concerns. These include: raising awareness on campus about the negative effects of abortion in the United States,

advertising local and national resources for women, and tabling to celebrate national adoption month while dispelling misconceptions about adoption. TURTL also supports and raises funds for the Woman’s New Life Clinic in New Orleans, and travels to the March for Life in Washington, DC, each January.

MEET CHLOE

Chloe Boudreaux is a Business Management senior with a minor in Chinese language from Baton Rouge, LA.



Members of TURTL pose with Dorinda Bordlee, Esq. (third from right), Vice President of the Bioethics Defense Fund after she spoke at Tulane Catholic about the effects of *Roe v. Wade* on society.

COMING UP
You’re Invited!

DOES SCIENCE DISCREDIT FAITH?, April 25, 6:30pm
with Fr. Gregory Pine, O.P., of the Thomistic Institute
(check our website for location)

SAVE
the
DATE!

**BACCALAUREATE MASS
& RECEPTION**

NEW TIME AND PLACE

May 19, Sunday, 11:30am
Shrine of Our Lady of Prompt Succor, 2701 State Street



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& instagram!



SAINTS TO CHANGE THE WORLD

"Everyone thinks of changing the world; no one thinks of changing himself."

—Leo Tolstoy

Why Do We Need Saints?

You and I both know that our world is in desperate need of change... and I'm confident that **God's plan for change-making in the world has always been through the saints.** Images of many saints hang on the wall in our center to inspire students to seek God's will in their lives, above all else (money, pleasure, success, fame). The world and our Church don't need more policymakers and technology... We need holy and righteous men and women. The many wrongs we see in our world can best be righted by personal holiness lived out in intentional communities of faith.

Tulane students want to make an impact and are encouraged by the University to "be audacious!" But so many activists and 'changemakers' focus on the evil in the world around them, while failing to notice the evil that grows inside themselves. **Too often, we point out the sins and failures of systems, governments, institutions, and our neighbors, but not our own!**

At Tulane Catholic, though, our focus is on both personal holiness (a life of virtue and faith) **and** social action (a life of service and advocacy for those in need). These two can't be separated! We encourage students to pray, frequent the sacraments, learn their faith, **and** get involved in programs like **Catholic Relief Services** (advocating for the poor and vulnerable around the world) and **TURL** (advocating for the dignity of all human life from conception to natural death).

Back in October we partnered with the Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS) and Catholic Relief Services (CRS) to host "Everything Is Connected", an event to help college students see the need for humanitarian aid that develops the whole person (body, mind, and soul), and the need for a strong prayer life in conjunction with social action.

Tulane Catholic alumni have gone on to work with the Salesian Sisters' VIDES (Volunteers in Development, Education, and Solidarity), Christ in the City (Serving the Homeless in US Cities), the Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE), the Houston Catholic Worker, or spent gap years in Honduras working with the poor, and more. I'm inspired by these young people's desire to put faith into action by seeking their own personal holiness and the good of their neighbors. I hope you're inspired too!



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P.S. Our chapel will soon have a new name and look: This Fall, the **Chapel of St. Martin de Porres**, given by Gayle and Tom Benson, will be consecrated by Archbishop Aymond!

TULANE CATHOLIC IN CALIFORNIA

Join Fr. Thomas and other Tulane alumni, parents, and friends at 2 receptions:
Los Angeles Area- Friday, April 26th 6:30 to 9:30pm
San Francisco Area- Saturday, April 27th 3 to 6pm

RSVP to Courtney (cchisholm@tulane.edu) if you would like to attend one of the receptions or would like to host a reception in your city! We hope to see you there!



GREGORIAN CHANT

In March Tulane students learned the basics of Gregorian Chant, taught by Dr. Brian Bentley of the University of Dallas.



MEET MADELINE

Madeline graduated from Tulane in 1977 and was a member of the diving team and a cheerleader.

“ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

I support Tulane Catholic because it is a vibrant center right on campus where students can nourish their faith in healthy, tangible and balanced ways while studying at Tulane.

Having a priest who loves the Catholic faith and actually attended Tulane is a special gift, and having the capability to receive the sacraments (especially reconciliation) on a daily basis, speak with a priest whenever you need, attend Bible studies, mission trips, feminism classes, Theology of the Body classes, apologetics classes...all of this would help a student keep their priorities and values intact during these great years of growth and discovery.

Finally, Tulane Catholic presents authentic Catholic teaching in a way that is inviting, kind and charitable. A bright light on campus for sure!

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—Madeline LeBlanc Cottrell, '77

SCOTT HAHN AT TULANE



Dr. Scott Hahn, acclaimed author, scholar, and professor, came to speak at Tulane on January 25th! Over 650 students, alumni, faculty, and friends came to hear him speak on the meaning of the Mass and its Biblical roots!

**THANKS TO YOU WE CAN BRING IN GREAT
SPEAKERS LIKE DR. HAHN!**

STUDENT TESTIMONY:

"After the talk, my friend turned to me and said, 'You might start seeing me at Mass.' ... and he has been coming to Mass regularly ever since. He is even inviting other students to come!