



Office of Mission and Ministry

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OFFICE OF MISSION AND MINISTRY

The Office of Mission and Ministry is charged with coordinating the collegewide process of maintaining, enhancing, and promoting the distinctive mission of Providence College as a Catholic and Dominican college. It oversees the work of the Office of the Chaplain/Campus Ministry and the Center for Catholic and Dominican Studies, serves as a resource for existing departments and programs, and helps to develop new initiatives expressive of the mission of the college.

The word “mission” comes from the Latin *missio*, which means “to be sent,” while “ministry” means “to serve.” The office therefore serves the College community by helping us to think about our many efforts in light of a broader and deeper call and mission, and by creating a culture on campus in which everyone—students, faculty, alumni, administration, staff, trustees—partake of and benefits from a common mission inspired by faith and enabled by grace.

Rev. Joseph J. Guido, O.P. serves as vice president and Rev. Kevin D. Robb, O.P. as associate vice president, and they can be reached at 401.865.1210 or via email at [jguido@providence.edu](mailto:jguido@providence.edu).



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## *Reflections:* FALL 2006

The fall was a busy but blessed time. So many students elected to attend the new freshmen retreat, entitled *Connections*, that the Office of the Chaplain/Campus Ministry had to schedule a second retreat to accommodate the demand. The chaplains and students also initiated a fair trade program in tandem with Catholic Relief Services to benefit the poor in developing nations. This included a Christmas bazaar in which students, faculty, and staff could purchase gifts and ornaments with the assurance that the proceeds would provide the artisans with a just and living wage. In response to the research we conducted about the religious needs on campus, the chaplains are also developing a plan for outreach and evangelization to students who are disaffected or merely disengaged from matters of faith and the church. This will be implemented in phases beginning in September 2007.

The Center for Catholic and Dominican Studies in the former Aquinas Chapel was dedicated in September. It is a beautiful and welcoming space that incorporates the restored altars, stained-glass windows, Stations of the Cross, and other elements of the former chapel. Rev. Thomas D. McGonigle, O.P., director of the center, and two graduate assistants are acquiring books and periodicals for the center’s library of Catholic and Dominican history, theology, and spirituality. The center has hosted several lectures and discussions on Dominican history, art, and devotion, and issues of moment in the Catholic



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and church life, and sponsored the first St. Albert the Great Lecture on "The Art of Disputation," given by Dr. Timothy Mahoney of the Department of Philosophy.

In November, the restored St. Catherine of Siena Hall was blessed and rededicated to house the departments of philosophy and theology. Thanks to the efforts of Rev. Kevin D. Robb, O.P., associate vice president for mission and ministry, the entryway includes religious art from the former Guzman Chapel and an icon of St. Catherine by Rev. Mark D. Nowel, O.P., dean of undergraduate studies. The building includes an oratory where the Blessed Sacrament is reserved on an altar and before a reredos taken from the former Rosary Chapel in Guzman Chapel. Finally, on the weekend of the First Sunday of Advent, St. Dominic Chapel was the setting for a *Service of Advent Lessons and Carols* that was attended by more than 600 people. Selections from Mozart, Handel, and Rachmaninoff, as well as traditional seasonal offerings, alternated with readings from the Old and New Testaments. A collaborative effort among Campus Ministry, the Liturgical Choir, *I Cantori*, the Concert Chorale, and the Providence College Dance Company, the service was both prayerful and beautiful.



SPRING 2007

As you can see in the accompanying Calendar of Events, the spring semester promises to be equally busy and we hope will be a similar blessing. As always, we are aiming for a balance between things Catholic and things Dominican, between enduring truths and contemporary issues, and between the conceptual and the contemplative. Of particular note is the St. Thomas Aquinas Lecture by Dr. Eleonore Stump of St. Louis University who will be speaking on "Aquinas on the Nature of Love."

It should also be evident that the look of *LOGOS* and the Calendar of Events is considerably improved. This is due to the generous and professional people in the Publications Center here on campus. They took our earnest but amateur initial efforts and created something far more pleasing to the eye. We are most grateful to them.

LOOKING AHEAD: 2007-2008

In planning for the coming academic year we decided to focus on the theme of Prayer and Justice, Contemplation and Service. We did so in part to acknowledge the intrinsic relationship between the partners to each pairing both for Catholics generally and for Dominicans in particular, and to honor the anniversaries of several people who in their own way exemplify this relationship between the life of the spirit and the life of service. These include Blessed John XXIII, who was elected pope in 1958 and was the author of *Pacem in Terris*; Thomas Merton, the noted Trappist monk and spiritual writer, and Karl Barth, the great Protestant theologian, both of whom died on the same day in 1968; Pope Paul VI, who issued *Populorum Progressio* in 1967 and *Humanae Vitae* in 1968; John Paul II, elected in 1978 and the magisterial author of encyclicals dealing with both the interior life of the church and its mission to the world; and Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta, the very image of holiness for millions of people, who died in 1997.

THE CENTER FOR  
CATHOLIC AND DOMINICAN STUDIES

The Center for Catholic and Dominican Studies serves as a place of intellectual exploration and dialogue where students, faculty, staff, administration, and alumni can gather for discussion, reflection, and service in light of the Catholic and Dominican mission of Providence College. It is housed in the former Aquinas Chapel, the renovation of which was made possible by the generosity of alumni and friends, including the Class of 1955. Many of the original elements of the chapel have been restored and incorporated into the center. The center is open weekdays from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. when school is in session.

The center is directed by Rev. Thomas D. McGonigle, O.P., a member of the history and theology departments. He can be reached at 401-865-2870 or via e-mail at [tmcgonig@providence.edu](mailto:tmcgonig@providence.edu).

OFFICE OF THE  
CHAPLAIN/CAMPUS MINISTRY

The Office of the Chaplain/Campus Ministry serves the liturgical, pastoral, and spiritual needs of the campus community and provides a wealth of opportunities for service to those in need. It has responsibility for St. Dominic Chapel and the Campus Ministry Center, Harkins Chapel, and St. Catherine of Siena Oratory. Rev. Thomas Blau, O.P. is the chaplain and is assisted by Rev. Thomas J. Ertle, O.P., Ms. Jessica Pane, and Rev. John Paul Walker, O.P. The chapel and the Campus Ministry Center are open all day and late into the night. The chaplain and Campus Ministry staff can be reached at 401-865-2216 or via e-mail at [chaplain@providence.edu](mailto:chaplain@providence.edu).

*Mass* AT ST. DOMINIC CHAPEL  
(academic year)

WEEKDAYS  
11:35 A.M., 4:30 P.M., 9:00 P.M.\*  
\* except Friday

WEEKENDS  
4:30 P.M. Saturday (*vigil*)  
4:30 P.M. Sunday  
7:00 P.M. Sunday  
10:30 P.M. Sunday

*Confessions* AT ST. DOMINIC CHAPEL  
(academic year)

WEDNESDAYS  
3:30 P.M.-4:30 P.M., 8:00 P.M.-9:00 P.M.

SATURDAYS  
3:30 P.M.-4:30 P.M.