

Service is a foundation of the Catholic Campus Ministry

Scripture tells us: *“What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, ‘Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,’ and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead” (James 2: 14-17).* Our faith has an active component calling us to serve our fellow man. Here at the Catholic Campus Ministry, we have many ways to serve but we want to highlight a few.

Service Saturdays

Each month when class is in session our students gather on a Saturday morning and begin by attending mass and then serve at various locations throughout the community or clean up days at the center.



Simple Acts of Kindness

Several times a semester, students gather to give a small treat and a thank you note to different offices at UMW such as Public Safety, Facilities, and Dining Services

Thanksgiving Food Drive

A couple years ago UMW opened a food pantry on campus recognizing that some students face food insecurity. Our community has supported this resource with a now annual food drive in the weeks before the Thanksgiving holiday break.

UPCOMING!!!

Pro-Life Baby Shower

In January to mark the March for Life we will be gathering items such as diapers, formula, bottles, etc. for our students to distribute to local facilities that assist women and their families in keeping their babies.

At the Catholic Campus Ministry, our main building is called the St. John Bosco Center after our patron who had a great love for the youth and his mission of helping them to lead good moral lives focused on gaining heaven.

St. John Bosco had a wonderful method of teaching students. He taught not only by instruction but also by example, it is one of many things we strive to continue at the Catholic Campus Ministry.



How we guide students

- Leadership and professional skills
- How to deepen their faith through frequent reception of the sacraments.
- What authentic gratitude is and how one should thank volunteers professionally
- Service to others
- Develop their God given talents

Your support helps us to continue to form the students into people of integrity and faith who serve others with joy.

Use the QR Code to link directly to our giving campaign.



Eucharistic Procession and All Night Adoration Returns!

Katya Stafira, Student President



This year, the Catholic Campus Ministry was able to bring back the Eucharistic Procession and All-Night Adoration on Ball Circle which is the heart of the Mary Washington campus. Two years ago, when I was a freshman, I watched the procession from the safety of my college dorm room. I saw this huge group of people eagerly following this priest who was proudly holding Our Lord in the monstrance. When I saw this, I instantly felt God's calling to lift Him up and proclaim the good news that He was present on this campus. I went to adoration that night and felt the warm embrace of Jesus Christ. This year, I was in that group of people supporting Our Lord on His journey through campus. It was remarkable to see how many people joined us that evening all because they are a follower of Christ.



Not only did people show up to walk along in the procession but there were always at least five people adoring our Lord at every hour of the night. The procession and adoration setup caught the eye of many college students walking on campus which provided an excellent opportunity to start a conversation about the Catholic faith. While the Eucharist is indeed a mystery, His presence on campus has a powerful impact to those on campus who have either never heard the name of Jesus or have fallen away from Him. The procession was also an excellent time for members of the Catholic Campus Ministry to show how much we love, care, and support each other on our journey to Heaven.

It is such a gift that we have the ability to process Our Lord all through campus walk and worship Him in the heart of our university. Christ asks all of us to take up our cross and follow Him. He tells us to proclaim His Word and to be a witness to the faith. As a college student, it can be difficult to stand up for Christ, but through the Eucharistic procession on campus, Christ was showing us exactly what to do as a son or daughter of God. We must walk on campus ready to face ridicule and shame, but we must be ready to combat that with prayer, patience, and love just as we did the night of the procession. People asked questions and likely judged us as we walked through campus, but if Christ was willing to face that ridicule for us, then we must be ready to face it for him.



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Gratitude in Action

Each year we have dozens of volunteers who spend countless hours doing Bible Studies, Supper Socials, service Saturday clean ups, help lead RCIA and so many others. After all that we have all been through in this pandemic this year our Thank You to our volunteers who give so much to the Campus Ministry were fresh pies just in time for Thanksgiving.

All of those who help us year round have our utmost gratitude, we could not do what we do at CCM without your faith filled loving help to the Apostolate.

