YOUR YES! & THEIR YES!

Michelle and John Paul entered the Church this Easter!
WELCOME FROM FR. THOMAS:

I’m happy to present to you our 2nd annual Donor Impact Report! Your generosity is transforming ministry at Tulane Catholic, and the fruits of your YES to young Catholics will only continue to multiply. There are beautiful stories in this report, as well as the numbers that will interest you!

It’s been another great year, but there’s still a lot to be done! I’m hoping you’ll join the mission for another year of helping college students grow into the saints they’re called to be!

Thank you for your generous support!

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HOW DO YOU “MAKE” SAINTS?

YOUR SUPPORT

Word of Mouth

Donations

Prayer

Time

Graduates pursue their vocations, enriching the world & Church by their desire for holiness.

Disciples striving for holiness attract more young people to seek a life of holiness.

Saints of Tomorrow...
transform the church and the world by living out the call to holiness in whatever state of life to which they are called.

Formation & Discipleship for Students

Through the sacraments, classes, retreats, peer support, & more, students are formed & sent out on mission to their peers.

Personal Invitation

Students invite other students to grow in holiness together, seeking truth, love and peace in the Cross of Jesus Christ.

13,000+ Students at Tulane
YOUR YES HELPED THEM SAY YES!
Meet the three young students you helped welcome into the Church!

MICHELLE SITU
Michelle, a sophomore from San Francisco, was first introduced to Tulane Catholic on a mission trip to Honduras. Her conversion story begins there.

“I considered myself agnostic. My passion for service drew me to Mission Honduras. In Honduras, I noticed a joy and light in all the people I interacted with in the mountains that I had never witnessed before. I wanted to know why—even though they have so little—it seemed they actually have everything. I desired to have that life-giving source they had and that I didn’t.”

I had bonded really well with Julianna, another student on the trip, so when we got back she invited me to several Tulane Catholic events, like Sunday Night Supper and Holy Hour.

Aside from Julianna, I didn’t know anyone else, so I was hesitant to even set foot in the building. But the warm smiles and welcome of every person I met drew me in. I felt right at home. This was the catalyst to begin my journey to Baptism.

Through the friends I made at Tulane Catholic, I encountered Christ in a really personal way that made me finally understand what it was that the people in Honduras had that made them so full of joy and life—Jesus Christ.”

Michelle was baptized at Easter with Peter Nguyen (’17) and Julianna Lewis (’16) as her godparents.

JOHN PAUL LI
John Paul hails from Shanghai, China! He’s a triple major in Physics, Math, & English. Baptized as a teenager in China, he entered the Catholic Church this Easter.

“At Tulane Catholic I found a home. God satisfied my longing with deep friendships and communion with Him through Mass and Adoration. Here, I found a freedom to love my friends and enemies, my work and leisure, my successes and failures, my joy and suffering—and above all, to love God, and His Son Jesus Christ.

I am grateful for the invitations—from the smiles of the students to the wise words of Fr. Thomas—to participate in this community. I am glad to have said yes!”

JAMES SCOTT
James is a fifth year undergraduate architecture student from South Carolina. He just entered the Catholic Church this Easter with John Paul.

“I’m most grateful for the environment provided for me to experience the love of God lived out by my fellow students. It has helped me grow in an understanding of the good that accepting God’s grace could do in my life.”

Did you know?
By age 23, over 80% of young Catholics have already left the Church—college is the time to invite them to encounter the faith in a real way! Thank you for reaching out to college students!
YOUR YES HELPED THEM SAY YES!
You helped these three Tulane seniors say YES to becoming FOCUS missionaries!

FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students) came to Tulane 5 years ago, and each year FOCUS missionaries have been inviting Tulane students to become lifelong disciples of Jesus Christ. Your financial support equips the missionaries (recent college grads) to minister full-time to students. Since 2012, eight Tulane Catholics have gone on to become missionaries too! These three Tulane grads will train for 5 weeks this summer and be on a college campus near you this Fall, winning hearts for Christ!

**ALEX KULIK**
Alex, from Baltimore, deferred medical school to give two years of himself to other students in the same way the missionaries at Tulane did for him!

"I had a real breakthrough in my faith journey during my junior year in college. I met these two missionaries and started going to their weekly Bible study. I was skeptical at first, but after a few weeks, I realized that these people were living out their faith in a way that I had never seen before. I decided to spend my senior year at Tulane as a missionary, and I have never looked back!"

**KALLIN ZEHREN**
Kallin, from California, decided to delay grad school and be a missionary. She’s excited to give a big radical YES to God! She asks for your prayers.

"Doing health research living in rural Thailand, I became certain God was calling me to serve the poor with my public health degree. Back at Tulane I realized the spiritual poverty on my own campus! I saw how the missionaries had saved me from a life of superficiality and unfulfillment. I knew it would be worth it if I could change the life of one student in that same way!"

**PETER NGUYEN**
Peter, a New Orleans native, graduated this year with a degree in Philosophy.

"My life changed at Tulane Catholic! I remember when my adventure began, thanks to an invitation—made by my now best friend Ben—to come and sing at Mass. I started leading retreats, praise and worship, serving at Mass, and being in discipleship with FOCUS. I was energized by the mission of FOCUS and I fell in love with Christ. So, I decided to answer the call to make disciples of all nations and become a missionary!"

Without your YES to young Catholics at Tulane, Alex, Kallin and Peter would never have made the decision to become FOCUS missionaries! THANK YOU!
2016-2017 YOUR IMPACT

Here are just some of the amazing things you made happen at Tulane Catholic this year!

Last year we gave you an in-depth comparison on the huge increase in numbers we saw from one year to the next. This year, those numbers are still up, but this time we want to highlight some really great stuff you’ve made happen through your generosity and prayers! Thanks for being awesome!

A FEW BIG NUMBERS
(for us)

75
At SEEK2017
A Catholic Conference for 12,000+ College Students in January 2017

33
On Mission Trips
to Honduras, Mexico, Chile & Guyana

274
On Retreats
Freshman Retreat, Encounter Retreat, Silent Retreat, Advent & Lent Mini-Retreats

9
in the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)
We started RCIA this year because students are now inquiring about entering the Church!

28
Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Student Ambassadors
We started a chapter of CRS student ambassadors to advocate on campus for global human development and international emergency relief.

19
in “Catholic Feminism”
“Catholic Feminism: Tradition & Innovation” was offered in Spring 2017 to young women by Dr. Jennifer Miller, STD, and other professional Catholic women from around the world!
#iGiveCatholic & ENCOUNTER RETREAT

Carly, a sophomore at Tulane, had the opportunity to personally connect with donors this year through #iGiveCatholic, a day dedicated to giving to Catholic causes! On the first Tuesday after Thanksgiving, many of you gave generously and raised $7,400 to fund the Encounter Retreat which served 130+ students this year!

“Thank you once again for all you’ve done this past year, especially to those of you I’ve never had the chance to speak with! The Spring 2017 Encounter was my fourth and undoubtedly the best one yet. I met two girls whom I’ve been able to spend intentional time with these weeks following retreat!”

— Carly Bryeans, ’19
(below, on the right)

WEDNESDAY NIGHT THING

In 2016 we added a weekly speaker series on Wednesday nights. Here’s a few of the great speakers that you helped bring to Tulane Catholic!

**The Case for Jesus**
Biblical & historical evidence for Christ
Dr. Brant Pitre

**Praying with the Saints**
On contemplative prayer
Dr. Tom Neal, PhD

**Doing Law/Being Catholic**
How two Catholics practice law and manage family life
Dan & Eliska Plunkett

**Playing for an Audience of One**
Local rock musician’s conversion story
Jerry Christopher of “Bag of Donuts”

**Tweeting God**
Social media & faithful communication
Dr. Daniella Zsupan-Julome, PhD

**Why Does God Want in My Wallet?**
Christians & Money
Cory Howat, Catholic Foundation

**Just Tell Me What to Do**
How to make wise decisions, when the options are endless
Dr. Mario Sacasa, PhD

**Young, Catholic, Married, Successful?**
Young couple shares their vocation story
Emily & Sam Pitre

“...you have created a community of passionately committed Catholics who will graduate from Tulane and be sent like burning arrows into parishes around the world ready to set others ablaze with the Holy Spirit!”

— James Capuzzi, ’17

**This Is My Body**
Eucharistic Theology & Miracles
Fr. Nile Gross, STL

**Doing Business/Being Catholic**
Local entrepreneur’s faith journey
John Blancher
"RENEWED IN FAITH" CAPITAL CAMPAIGN
Moving into the new Fr. Val McNes, O.P. Center for Catholic Life in 2015 has been one of the greatest things that has happened to Catholic campus ministry at Tulane! Your generosity did this! Below is the progress of the capital campaign. There are still some naming opportunities too!

$159,023 is needed to complete payments for the construction of our new facility. (does not include outstanding pledges)

$187,890 was raised this year for stained glass, art and furnishings. In the past year generous donors have provided funds to complete the design and installation of stained glass windows and finish decorating our beautiful chapel. We hope to begin work soon!

Naming Opportunities
$500,000 140-seat Chapel
$200,000 1st Floor Social Hall
$100,000 3rd Floor Classroom

SAINTMAKERS are monthly givers who provide for the daily needs of Tulane Catholic through electronically withdrawn monthly gifts.

SaintMakers started in 2015 and doubled in size since last year! Monthly giving is one of the best ways to ensure that your favorite organization is funded year round!

Don’t be AFRAID to be SAINTS
—St. John Paul II

Our mission is helping college students grow together into the saints they're called to be. Members of the SaintMakers' Society help in a special way!

60 monthly givers in 2016-2017
25% are students!

2016-17 BUDGET
The information below represents revenue received and expenses incurred from April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017 (and does not include the capital campaign—see the top of this page). Thank you for your support!

Revenue
- $80,045 General Donations
- $40,736 Sunday Collections
- $10,000 Grants
- $23,305 SaintMakers Society
- $7,400 #GiveCatholic

Expenses
- $60,000 FOCUS Missionaries
- $73,049 Ministry, Outreach & Formation
- $12,462 Administration
- $52,967 Maintenance & Services
- $32,132 Development & Communication
- $178,333 Employee Payroll

You may notice the big gap between our revenue and our expenses. This is partly due to the quick growth we saw in the last two years in our ministry. Benefactors like you have helped us keep up with this growth, but there's still a lot to be done to make sure that Tulane Catholic can be a sustainable ministry!
LEO LANDRY

Leo is a 1975 Tulane Medical School Graduate and practiced anesthesiology from 1979 to 2014 in Lafayette, LA. In retirement, he began a career strategy company, where he enjoys helping individuals find career matches.

“Tulane Catholic is all about fostering relationships! As a student in the 70’s, my wife and I had become friends with two wonderful priests, Fr. Val McInnes and Fr. R.B. Williams. Both became lifelong spiritual mentors and friends. Fr. R.B. and I celebrate 45 years of friendship this year! Recently, we have had the privilege of being guided by another wonderful friend and shepherd, Fr. Thomas. Anyone who knows these men can attest to their intelligence, warmth, thoughtfulness, and encouragement. These Dominican priests continue to foster our relationship with all whom we meet and with Christ.

The meaningful liturgy, the friendly faces, and the beautiful new facility welcome us back to Tulane whenever we visit New Orleans. We want other students and their families to forever have these same blessings which we continue to relish.”

THANK YOU BETH & LEO FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

CHAPEL CHAIRS

In the chapel of the new Center, there are 140 chairs handmade by a local New Orleans carpenter. Many of those chairs have been dedicated by community members, alumni, and parents in honor of students, graduates, family, beloved priests, friends, and loved ones. Each chair dedication is $500.

$29,000 has been raised since 2015 for chair dedications. There are 82 chairs remaining!

You’re literally supporting their prayers!