By her very nature the Church is missionary!

Pope Francis

Because you believe in our mission of making saints, young Tulanians are transforming the world by connecting their Catholic faith to the needs of the world, at home and abroad. Your support helps students travel to Honduras on mission (photo above), encountering and changing the lives of so many, including their own! Others were able to attend the Student Leadership Summit to learn how to evangelize and be missionaries on campus.

— Director of Campus Ministry, Fr. Thomas Schaefgen, OP, tschaefg@tulane.edu

YOU HAVE A MISSION

Pope Francis says that each of us is a mission—to share our lives and faith with others and to give generously without expecting repayment. By your prayers and generosity, Tulane students are able to do this in so many ways!

Mission is about changing lives. The life that must first change is always our own. Tulane Catholic students were on mission this past semester on campus, sharing their faith with other students through bible studies, retreats, and discipleship. They were also on mission as 13 of them traveled to Honduras to share the faith, build a bridge over a creek that floods frequently, visit the sick, and have genuine encounters with the people of Honduras.

Senior Meghan Hildreth, chaplain Father Thomas, Tulane students and Honduran youth walk through the mountains of El Merendón (right).
MEET ALEXANDER . . .

Alexander is a grad student in the School of Architecture. Through working with our FOCUS missionaries, Alexander has learned how to make disciples on campus—like Chris, a freshman who works with Alexander as his disciple.

“Within the first week of being at Tulane I knew that the Lord was working on this campus. I have met many Spirit-filled people who have helped me in my journey. The missionaries here have done a great job guiding me through discipleship. This time of formation and evangelization is training me to be an effective disciple of Christ. I even have the opportunity to disciple someone else. Chris, a freshman and my disciple, is a great friend looking to dig deeper into his faith. Though he is my disciple I learn a lot discipling him. We both get to grow closer to Christ together!”

“Tulane students attend “The Heart of Living”, a series on life, purpose, happiness & sexuality.

MEET JULIA . . .

Julia, a senior, has participated in and led mission trips to Honduras. Since 2004 Tulane students have traveled each year on mission to San Pedro Sula, Honduras.

“When I think back on my trips to Honduras, they’ll be a reminder that no matter where I am in the world I must ALWAYS radically enter into another’s chaos. Even though Mission Honduras is only a few days, I experience a type of spiritual growth that feels like a whole year’s worth. Because of this growth and the people we meet, it is impossible to ignore the fact that we are called to serve and live in solidarity with others around the world. Though I am graduating, Mission Honduras will remain a part of me as I continue to combat poverty, both material and spiritual.”

THANKS TO YOU ALEXANDER & JULIA ARE ON MISSION FOR LIFE!
Raising our family in such a welcoming, faith-filled community like the one at the Tulane Catholic Center, means the world to us. This campus is where Mark and I started our lives together. We have so much to be thankful for and what better place to say thank you to Jesus for all of the blessing he has given us. We support the mission of Tulane Catholic financially, through the gift of our time, and always in prayer, as we guide our children and all the students of Tulane on their life-time journey of becoming saints.

– Stephanie Kleehammer, MBA ’96

THANKS STEPHANIE & MARK FOR BEING ON MISSION WITH US!

MISSION OUTREACH

The Tulane Catholic mission is to help college students grow together into the saints they are called to be. How many students are we actually reaching?

- ~1400 Students total Catholic undergrads
- ~400 Students or 29% at Ash Wednesday Mass
- ~140 Students or 10% at Regular Sunday Masses

On Ash Wednesday 2016, over 400 students came to Mass—29% of all 1400+ Catholic undergrads! But only 10% regularly attend Sunday Masses. That leaves 19% who are open in some way, but are not active in their faith. With your help, we can reach that 19% and bring them back in!

2016 STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM

Austin Adomitis ’17 James Capuzzi ’17 Kallin Zehren ’17 Peter Nguyen ’17 Carly Bryeans ’19, Chris McCain ’17 Rachel Varela ’17 Christie Griffin ’18, Emma Hanewinckel ’19, Julianna Lewis ’18