“Singing belongs to THE ONE WHO LOVES.”

- Saint Augustine

Your generosity is helping college students encounter the beauty of the Catholic liturgy in both new and ancient ways. Thanks to your gifts, young people are discovering the rich tradition of music in the Catholic Mass! Tulane students are encountering God in the Mass through beautiful music produced by their peers.

See inside for more about how you’ve helped students encounter Christ through music!
MEET BRENNAN
Brennan Torpey is a Public Health senior from Rockville, Maryland.

MEET OLIVIA
Olivia Gilbert is a Neuroscience & Music Performance senior from Berwick, Louisiana.

MEET ABRANIA
Abrania Marrero is a Public Health & Psychology senior from Orocovis, Puerto Rico.

YOUR SUPPORT IS AND FORMING THESE

"At Tulane Catholic during Mass..."
A year ago, I would not have expected to be singing in the choir, much less leading it on Sunday!
We are just vessels and there are so many things when we are in the choir... toward God—everything and it's all for God.

"Music was the language..."
Simplicity and profound impact for me. I don't think that words can convey such feelings in such a way that you feel!
I had my encounter with the Mass and music during my freshman year in India. It made me feel like I was part of something greater than me personally. I truly believe that a song and a Mass already had the impression on the emotion. Music triggers, defines, and grammatically expresses a whole language, which does not necessarily need to be written down.

"You feel the energy..."
In the beginning, I wasn't sure if this was it. Now, there I was, playing the violin, piano, guitar, and singing those together, especially with our melody, Ben, is so well done.
When I started, I didn't believe my voice would be so beautiful. It made me think felt as though I didn't think like that. In that moment, I felt God.
RENUEVING THE LITURGY AT TULANE: The musicians to give back to the Church!

Catholic, you’re fully present. It’s real.

I would have laughed if you had told me I would be singing and playing less than once on a Sunday Mass. It’s not us doing the work. Every saint interceding for us. The Mass! And it’s all ordered. Everything comes together!

The people here have so much to give you. Everyone is so authentic and genuine, which is difficult to find in life and in college. Tulane Catholic is natural. You walk in and people want to get to know you — they mention your name. Those who embrace the Catholic faith aren’t afraid to show it is what I’m looking for after college, because that is what Tulane Catholic is all about.

—Brennan Torpey, ’18

The first thing I got involved in kept me coming back.

The profound beauty made music. Music is a way of expression and it accomplishes. Music makes it possible to be in tune with Christ through the Father with Christ through the Incarnation. Music definitely had a huge role. It was there was something present and allowed me to see Jesus was in the Eucharist. I appreciated the intellectual part but not music gave me the emotion.

Being a part of Tulane Catholic has changed what I want for my life. I don’t simply want to be happy in a selfish way, just receiving — I want to spread love. I am striving to be on mission even after graduation. I want to continue leading music in whatever parish I end up. I think it’s important to grow closer to Christ with a loving and authentic community. I found this in the music ministry here.

—Olivia Gilbert, ’18

The presence of God in the people’s singing.

We were on our phones looking the lyrics without any hope we had a pianist and that it would be. We had so many talents: flute, violin. The leadership to bring it especially by our director meant me.

I was really nervous. I didn’t know if it was strong enough and I did not belong. At that moment, I heard the Lord’s presence saying,”Let go and let me.” It was the first time I felt the presence of the Holy Spirit. The anxiety that plagues me so much just disappeared. I learned how to trust God through music.

If we exhibit that passion for every word that we say, every lyric that praises Christ — if we truly mean what we say, hopefully the congregation will also feel that passion during each part of the mass.

—Abrania Marrero, ’18
### HERE’S MY ONE-TIME GIFT
- $1000 - sponsors a half-day mini-retreat
- $500 - sponsors a student for a vocations discernment retreat
- $350 - provides a free supper for students on Sunday night after Mass
- $85 - cost of one student to attend the Encounter retreat
- $ __________

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- $40/month
- $68/month
- $ _____/month

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We appreciate your feedback! Please be sure to provide contact information above so we know how to get in touch with you.
FINDING THE “WAY OF BEAUTY”

“A formation in the via pulchritudinis [way of beauty] ought to be part of our effort to pass on the faith.”
– Pope Francis

Can you guess the two things in Church that Catholics complain about the most?

Without a doubt, they’re music and preaching. I bet you’ve complained about these too! But, thanks to your support, we’re doing our part to change that.

Personally, preaching is what I value the most. If you’re interested, you can listen to my Sunday homilies online at [catholic.tulane.edu/homilies](http://catholic.tulane.edu/homilies) or subscribe to the Tulane Catholic Homilies Podcast right in iTunes. Join in each week as a part of the Tulane Catholic family!

As for music: when a student told me that “traditional Catholic music” meant songs from the 1970s, I knew that young Catholics were missing out on centuries of rich Catholic music. So we came up with a formation plan for college students called “The Way of Beauty.” Our hope is that we can both meet college students where they are and also introduce them to a way of worship that is different from all other musical experiences. In the beauty of the liturgy they can encounter Beauty Himself.

So, we sent students to liturgical and musical conferences over the summer and winter breaks and we partnered with Notre Dame Seminary to form a schola of Tulane students and seminarians. Their voices accompanied a solemn Mass for the Immaculate Conception at Tulane Catholic. On Sundays we’ve gone back to the ancient practice of chanting the entrance antiphons to Mass with English settings. We’re also incorporating more music from the Taizé community (a blend of contemporary and ancient styles based on scripture and the psalms). And we’ve started ending our Sunday Masses by singing the Salve Regina, the beautiful antiphon to Our Lady. We still have lots to learn, but thanks to you, we’ve found the Way of Beauty.

The Mass certainly doesn’t have a price tag, but there’s a great human cost: the passion, energy, and time spent on every Sunday liturgy that happens at Tulane Catholic: from the homily, to the music, to the proclamation of the Word, not to mention the beautiful material things that are used in the Mass (art, vessels, vestments, etc.). This requires training, time, and financial resources. Thank you for making the liturgy at Tulane Catholic an encounter with Beauty!

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

PS.

Speaking of beauty, we’re raising funds for stained glass and art in our chapel. We’ll also make a big announcement soon about the Chapel in the Fr. Val McInnes Center for Catholic Life.

P.S.

We have a new Director of Development. Welcome Courtney! Courtney is from Slidell, LA, and a graduate of LSU—but now she’s joining the Tulane Catholic family!

PPS.

Courtney Chisholm
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When we donate to those who do God’s work, we are supporting God’s mission by returning a portion of those immense gifts that God has given to us. Simply put, God gives to us and we give to God’s workers! By supporting Tulane Catholic, I feel that I am truly a part of the Tulane Catholic Community.

—Tim Schafer

You and Tim are helping college students experience the Mass like never before! THANK YOU!

TIME TO GET AWAY

Two years ago we started half-day retreats during Advent and Lent, a time for students and our faith community to connect and recreate together. Your support allows us to invite speakers like Joey Pistorius (right, top), the new Director of Counseling for the Archdiocese, who spoke at our Lenten Mini-Retreat: “I’m So Busy” addressing stress, overwork, busyness and self-care.

THANKS TO YOU WE CAN OFFER THESE RETREATS!