TULANE CATHOLIC

DONOR IMPACT REPORT
2018-19

YOU’RE HELPING STUDENTS SAY ‘YES’ TO GOD’S CALL!
WELCOME FROM FATHER THOMAS:

Welcome to the 4th annual Tulane Catholic Donor Impact Report! In this edition, we want to share with you the fruits of your generosity, because the best way to measure a campus ministry is to ask... what happens after students graduate?

So, in this Report we'll share with you how our recent graduates are pursuing their vocations, all thanks to the formation they received at Tulane Catholic because of your generosity!

Thank you so much!

In May 2019, 61 Tulane Catholic pilgrims traveled to the Holy Land. Pictured above, Fr. Thomas with some of the students and alumni in Jerusalem.
Save the date for the next pilgrimage, May 29 – June 4, 2021!

HOW DO YOU “MAKE” SAINTS?

Here’s how your support of Tulane Catholic helps college students answer the call to become the saints they’re called to be!

1. YOUR SUPPORT
Your gifts of prayer, money, volunteered time, and spreading the word about this urgent ministry provides for formation and outreach.

2. CATHOLIC FORMATION
Retreats, lectures, the sacraments, classes, small groups, authentic friendship, and service form students to become saints.

3. SAINTS TO CHANGE THE WORLD
Graduates striving to be who God calls them to be become a gift to the Church and the world, sharing themselves through their vocations.

PERSONAL INVITATION
They’re sent out to invite their peers to encounter and know Jesus Christ.

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FINANCIAL REPORT
2018-2019

2018-19 BUDGET

The information to the right represents revenue received and expenses incurred from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 and does not include the capital campaign (shown below).

As you’ll note, a significant amount of our support comes from the Archdiocese of New Orleans. Our goal is to become a vibrant and financially self-sustaining ministry by increasing donation revenue and decreasing this subsidy. Thank you for helping reach this important goal! This figure decreased from 43% of our total revenue in FY2018 to only 27% in FY2019.

$444,197.56 Total Revenue

REVENUE

- $217,134.02 Development Donations
- $35,517.06 Sunday Collection
- $52,134.51 SaintMaker Society
- $19,159.56 Retreats & Merchandise
- $120,252.41 Archdiocesan Support

EXPENSES

- $171,070.86 Ministry, Formation & Evangelization
- $27,816.24 Operating Expenses
- $109,748.17 Administrative Expenses
- $65,530.18 Maintenance & Facilities
- $70,032.11 Development & Communication

Expenses shown do not include depreciation

$444,197.56 Total Expenses

Tulane Catholic has 3 full-time and 2 part-time staff as well as 14 student employees and interns. Payroll expenses have been allocated according to their primary areas of activity.

RENEWED IN FAITH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN
Over $3,400,000 Raised!

Completed!

We’re excited to announce that the “Renewed in Faith” Capital Campaign for the Fr. Val McInnes, OP Center for Catholic Life is complete! After years of generous gifts and hard work, the building is finished (Aug 2015), the beautiful chapel has been completed and consecrated by the Archbishop (Nov 2019), and all debts and construction costs are paid in full!

In addition to the completion of the Capital Campaign by paying off all debts and costs, we’re excited that because of the generosity of so many donors, once all remaining pledges are received (through June 2021), additional funds will be available for future maintenance and improvements! Thank you for your generosity!

Cost of Building: $2,525,000
Cost of Chapel Work: $680,000
Total Cost of Construction: $3,205,000
Total Gifts Received (by Feb. 2020): $3,206,000
Gifts Received in FY2018-19: $188,234
Remaining Pledges: $243,718

*Additional gifts toward pledges will be saved for future capital projects and ongoing maintenance and improvements of the building.

STILL WANT TO GIVE?
There are still some dedication opportunities in the building & chapel.
- Sacristy - $50,000
- Stations of the Cross - $20,000
- Chapel Chair - $500 (each) (3 chairs remaining)
Vocations: In the past couple of years a number of Tulane Catholics have heard the call to priesthood or the religious life...

Religious Life & Priesthood

**BR. ANDREW MARTIN, O.P.**
(ANDREW DEL VALLE, ’16)
DOMINICAN FRIAR
Dominican Province of St. Martin de Porres

Br. Andrew Martin (above, right) with Tulane Catholic chaplain, Fr. Thomas (left) after he received the Dominican habit in August 2018.

“"The presence of Tulane Catholic on Tulane’s campus and the New Orleans area is invaluable. It offers a transcendent option for students who are seeking goodness and truth. I would not be where I am today without the influence of Tulane Catholic.”

— Br. Andrew Martin del Valle, O.P.

**SR. ABIGAIL PERACH**
(JOY JASON, ’17)
CARMELITE NUN
Discalced Carmelites of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary of Mount Carmel

“I know sometimes it feels like vocations are a personal decision, but it was only by the prayers and support of the Tulane Catholic family that I was able to defend my vocation and realize what the Lord was asking of me. Our vocation, no matter what it may be, is not given to us merely for our benefit, but for the good of the Church and the world.”

— Sr. Abigail Perach

**ALEX KULIK, ’17**
SEMINARIAN
First Year Pre-Theologian, Archdiocese of Baltimore

“I wasn’t practicing my Catholic Faith when I first came to college, but through the invitations of a friend/classmate who was involved with Tulane Catholic and FOCUS, I began getting very involved and making my Faith more and more the center of my life.”

— Alex Kulik
THANK YOU FOR HELPING THEM SAY YES

You might be surprised to find out that over the years many members of the Tulane Catholic community have pursued vocations to the priesthood and religious life. We wanted to share with you in this issue several of those vocations. Here are some of the Tulanians and missionaries who served at Tulane who answered the call.

SR. ANIMA CHRISTI ROSE NOVICE
Sisters of Life, New York, NY

Tulane Catholic gave me a space to take my desires and my heart vulnerably before the Lord. It was there that I began to discern with the Sisters of Life. There is such an exceptional thirst for truth, goodness, and beauty. In each friendship, I experienced an open receptivity like I’ve never quite seen anywhere else.

— Sr. Anima Christi Rose

Sister Anima Christi Rose served as a FOCUS missionary at Tulane Catholic from 2015-2017.

MOST REV. THOMAS J. RODI
(TULANE LAW, ’74)
ARCHBISHOP OF MOBILE

Tulane Catholic helped me to grow closer to God and open my heart more and more. The Sunday Masses were welcoming, vibrant, and beautiful. The sermons, by all the Dominicans, were very well done, and I still pray with one of them specifically.

— Archbishop Rodi

BR. MAXIMILIAN MARY NOVICE
Benedictine Monks, St. Benedict’s Abbey, Atchison, KS

One of the big things that helped me along the road to make a definitive decision to enter religious life was being in spiritual direction with Fr. Thomas. Beyond that, having the community of people who were wanting to give everything of themselves to the Lord really helped me in pursuing that desire in my life as well.

— Br. Maximilian Mary

Br. Maximilian Mary served as a FOCUS missionary at Tulane Catholic from 2016-2017.

SR. EMMANUEL FIAT NOVICE
Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal, New York, NY

The witness of Fr. Thomas and his joy of being in religious life, his being so normal and so approachable, inspired me in a very beautiful way. His yes and his witness inspired me to give my yes!

— Sr. Emmanuel Fiat

Sr. Emmanuel Fiat served as the FOCUS team director at Tulane Catholic from 2017-2018.

Photo courtesy St. Benedict’s Abbey kansasmonks.org
VOCATIONS: Over the years hundreds of couples have met at Tulane Catholic. Here are just a few more recent families that started here...

MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

ELLIE & SIMON MICHAU
Ellie Villarrubia ('16) and Simon met at Tulane Catholic in 2015, while Simon was studying at Tulane as an exchange student. They were married in France in June 2019.

“As I grew again in my faith, there came a point when I wondered which vocation was mine, and whether I was called to priesthood. Father Thomas helped me realize that our vocation is a call to true joy, and I discerned that mine was to marry Ellie.”

– Simon Michau

Simon and Ellie were married in Crozon, France, in June of 2019. Fr. Thomas celebrated their Nuptial Mass, witnessed by many Tulane students and alumni.

EMILY & TIM RINALDI
Tim ('11) and Emily ('12) Rinaldi met in 2009 through Tulane Catholic and were married in 2014.

“Without Mission Honduras, I wouldn't have met my wife and don't know where I'd be today. We've been so excited to hear about Tulane Catholic's exciting growth over the past few years!”

– Tim Rinaldi

CHRISTIE & JAMES CAPUZZI
James Capuzzi ('17) and Christina Griffin ('18) met at Tulane Catholic in 2016. Fr. Thomas celebrated their nuptial Mass in September 2019 at St. Paul's Church at Harvard.

“Before Tulane Catholic, I looked at marriage as a task to complete later in life—now I see it as way to give myself more to the Church, the Lord, and James.”

– Christie Capuzzi

Thank you for helping them say yes!

Your support provides a place where young Catholics can discern their vocations—and that's what it's all about. More than a campus ministry, Tulane Catholic has to be a training ground for saints.
**MONTHLY GIVING SPOTLIGHT**

SaintMakers are monthly givers who provide for the daily needs of Tulane Catholic through electronically withdrawn monthly gifts. Our mission is to help students grow together into the saints they’re called to be. SaintMakers make this mission a reality!

**SAINT MAKERS Society**

$52,135 given by SaintMakers in 2018-19

103 monthly givers in 2018-2019

29% are students!

**LOOK: it’s growing!**

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Our goal in 2019-2020 is to add 40 new Saint Makers! Will you be one of them?

**Did you know?**

During the 2018-2019 school year Tulane Catholic students and missionaries hosted 19 different weekly bible studies!

42 students and staff went to the SEEK2019 Conference with 17,000+ other Catholic students!

Monthly giving is one of the best ways to ensure that your favorite ministry is fully funded year round!

The Tulane Catholic choir sings for the Mass of Dedication for the new Chapel of St. Martin de Porres (Photo by John Bihm).

**2019 CLASS GIFT**

THIS PAST MAY TULANE CATHOLIC SENIORS GAVE THE VERY FIRST CLASS GIFT OF $18,000!

The Tulane Catholic Class of 2019 began the **first ever** Senior Class Gift! 18 seniors committed to being part of the Saint Makers Society and each pledged to give back $1,000 to Tulane Catholic, for a senior class gift total of $18,000.

**“**

Some of my greatest joys during my time at Tulane have been because of Tulane Catholic, whether it be the Encounter Retreat, Mission Honduras, or the authentic friendships that are built though fellowship and faith. For all of this, I am incredibly thankful and can’t think of a better way to show my gratitude then through the senior class gift and the SaintMakers Society!

— Michelle Situ, ’19

**Did you know?**

Each week between 80 and 100 students come to our Sunday Night Supper!

Sunday Night Supper is a free and easy way for students to spend time together after Mass, make friends and relax!
DONOR SPOTLIGHT

STEPHANIE AND CHARLOTTE

Stephanie Haynes (Left) graduated in 1972 and her sister, Charlotte Allen (right) graduated in 1977. They both traveled to the Holy Land on pilgrimage this past May with Tulane Catholic.

“As Tulane Alums and as sisters we had the wonderful opportunity to see Fr. Thomas ignite our hearts and the hearts of Tulane Catholic students with a renewed zeal and reverence for the sacred sites in the Holy Land. We support Fr. Thomas’s mission to spread the Good News throughout the entire Tulane Campus and beyond!”

— Stephanie and Charlotte

“I had imagined God would speak to me mainly through the sacred sites we were visiting on the Holy Land Pilgrimage, but I found that I experienced Him most through the relationships I built with my fellow pilgrims. What a powerful impact these Catholics of all ages had on me. The best way to experience the Holy Land is with Tulane Catholic!”

— Carly Bryeans ’19

TULANE CATHOLIC HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

51 Pilgrims- Students, Parents, Alumni, Staff, and Friends- of Tulane Catholic journeyed together to the Holy Land in May 2019!

You and many other generous donors gave: $67,997

to support campus ministry at Tulane Catholic on #iGiveCatholic Day 2018!

#iGiveCatholic Day 2018

#iGiveCatholic Day is the Catholic version of “Giving Tuesday”, the Tuesday after Thanksgiving. Donors from around the country give to Tulane Catholic on this day. Take a look at how much you gave in 2018! Thanks to $20,000 in matching gifts from donors, we far surpassed our $40,000 goal.

LOOK: it’s growing!

$2,000
$7,400
$23,285
$67,997

on #iGiveCatholic Day in 2015
on #iGiveCatholic Day in 2016
on #iGiveCatholic Day in 2017
on #iGiveCatholic Day in 2018

SAVE THE DATE!
We’re going back to the Holy Land in 2021!
Tulane Catholic Holy Land Pilgrimage: May 26 – June 4, 2021
You don’t want to miss this!