

EAGLE'S WINGS

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With an invitation like this, I can only imagine...

A particular challenge for the contemporary Church is to revitalize the notion of the Christian imagination. Our society invites our young people to think or imagine life mostly in terms of power and money. The Church, though, is called to invite all of humanity, especially the young, to think or imagine life in terms of the Gospel and community. Youth in our society need visible signs of the power of Christ's presence in the world; they often do not experience community let alone sacramental signs that will invite them to envision the world in a mind altering way. The Church must address these challenges in order to truly create a religious mindset that is both freeing and meaningful.

The story of Peter's calling is a particularly powerful example of learning to imagine a different way of living so as to be a visible sign of Jesus' transforming message. In Luke's gospel, we see Jesus inviting Peter to cast out into the deep even after a long and unsuccessful session of fishing. He does as commanded and catches an abundance of fish. Now amazed, he knows that he is in the presence of someone other and holy. Jesus then invites him to follow him so as to be a fisher of humanity, but Peter drops to his knees confessing that he is a sinner and cannot follow. Peter, is in fact, paralyzed by his fears of moving beyond the known and familiar thus initially rejecting the invitation to imagine life differently. Jesus certainly *rocked* Peter's world!

Peter the fisherman knew how to get from A-to-B, but Jesus is now giving him a new compass and mode of being visible in the world. With some reticence, Peter begins his long journey from dying to self- to- living for the "Other." As he followed Jesus, we see him continuously caught up in the world of "I" culminating in stating three times *I don't know him*, thus betraying his friend in his suffering and death. This betrayal is only to be met with Jesus' forgiveness and commissioning him as leader of his Church. Now, Peter the "Rock" makes statements in the "we."

This long journey from the "I" to the "we" could only happen by the love, patience, guidance, and wisdom of Jesus Christ. In coming to know and love Jesus in his life, death and resurrection, Peter was no longer paralyzed by Jesus' invitation to die to self, but had become fully empowered to give his whole life in proclaiming the Pascal Mystery.

We know that Saint Vincent also needed to make that long journey from the "I" to the "we." In his initial desire to be secure and "survive" each day, he found it difficult to truly see the needs of others and certainly could not imagine his life as servant of the poor. Yet at the Lord's beckoning, he began to imagine a different way of living. Society was telling him to fix his sights on his desires and to plot aggressively at achieving those superficial values. God, though, called him out of this selfishness to become more aware of community. In doing so Vincent's life became meaningful and passionate through his engagement and love of the poor.

The Church reminds us that we are all called to this *metanoia* or conversion. To recognize that one's vocation in life puts each of us on a journey of seeking the "Other" in others. Indeed, our lives are not merely about becoming Christian and Vincentian, but *being* the visible presence of God in the world. The dedicated follower of Christ must be fully engaged in imagining a world that lives in harmony and community. It is this imagination that moves us to look beyond where the individual is going to where we are all going in life. Moreover, it is this imagination that moves us to recognize the needs and gifts of the stranger and invite others into serving the community of all people.

The lives of Peter, Vincent, and all the saints inspire us to continue to be open to the Gospel values, which shapes our hearts and minds to be Christ-like in the world. Let us, therefore, invite others to imagine with our Church a different and joyful way of being in the world that leads to new beginnings and eternal life.

In close, I invite you to grow in your relationship with God, with our or your community of faith, and with others, especially the poor. In doing so, I imagine this academic year to be a grace-filled one for you.



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God Bless,
 Fr. Kevin Creagh, CM

Turn Down the Volume!

“If God is the center of your life, no words are necessary. Your mere presence will touch hearts.”

This quote by our patron, St. Vincent de Paul, is the guidepost to our upcoming Fall Retreat: “Turn Down the Volume.” Here, St. Vincent reminds us that we are called by God only to *be*, called to be who God has meant for us to be. When we live in God, and invite God to live in us, we don’t need words; we simply need to *be*. Easier said than done, right? How do we know who God wants us to be? We listen. Again, easier said than done. We are constantly bombarded with noise and distraction which keep us from being able to really hear God in our lives. Here are a few questions to ponder: how many minutes (hours?) do you spend a day on Facebook, playing video games, texting your friends, listening to music, getting ready to go to Canada, stressing out over classes, writing papers, studying for exams? And how many minutes (hours?) do you spend each day in conversation with God?

On the weekend of November 4-6, students will travel together to the Abbey of the Genesee, a Trappist monastery in Piffard, NY. Led by a team of four student leaders (Catherine Trzaska, Ally Wilson, James Kemnitz, and Mitch Willie) and campus ministers, retreatants will spend time rediscovering God as their center. A series of discussions, activities, workshops, and prayers will help guide the students through the process of eliminating the “noises” of everyday life—those things that keep us from growing in relationship with God. The group will live in community, preparing and sharing meals together, praying and playing together, and enter into extended moments of intentional, sacred silence both in solitude and in company with other retreatants.

Don’t miss this opportunity to turn down the volume and get back to God.

In St. Vincent...

“Say Little...Do Much!” St. Vincent de Paul

As so many of us feel like we are stuck in fast forward concerned about all that we need to accomplish, it is important to think about taking time and be a bit adventurous with service. Have you ever gone to Philadelphia, the home of the Liberty Bell and Philly cheese steak? Behind all the beauty and historical sites, according to Poverty USA 25% of the people in Philadelphia live in poverty. It is the 9th poorest city in the United States. Mark your calendars to go on B.A.S.I.C (Brothers And Sisters In Christ), the NU service immersion experience January 7 -14, 2012. The cost is an all-inclusive \$90.

The St. Vincent de Paul Center in the Germantown section will be hosting a group of 10 students from NU. They will be involved with working with school children, indwelling housing projects, and outreach centers. The Blessed Sarnelli Community will be hosting a group of 14 students in the Kensington section. That Redemptorist Community will be hosting us at a variety of outreach opportunities including street ministry, soup kitchens, and home rehab. Spiritual reflection will be part of both sites, as is visiting the Miraculous Medal Shrine and St. Catherine’s Infirmary where the retired Vincentians live are. There will be time allotted of course to see the great sites of Philadelphia. BASIC promises to be a highlight of your college career.

St. Vincent de Paul Society is hosting a soup and sandwich meal at the Magdalene Project every Thursday 5pm – 7pm. What a great way to get to know new people! St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store is in desperate need of volunteers. They are open every W-F-Sat. from 10 am – 2 pm. The store is located in the old St. Joe’s School located on Tronolone and Pine.

Consider coming to a St. Vincent de Paul meeting on Nov. 3rd or Nov. 17th to find about more service adventures. If you have any further ideas or questions contact me at ms@niagara.edu. The best memories of your college days, trust me, will be about serving others!



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Change Is Coming

The liturgy or Mass you have been accustomed to is about to change beginning the First Sunday of Advent (November 27, 2011). Not only will Advent mark a new liturgical year, but it will signal the introduction of the New Roman Missal. This large book used by the priest when celebrating the Mass will now be called a Missal instead of Sacramentary. This new missal will introduce a new translation of ancient Latin texts such as the Creed or the Profession of Faith, various collects or prayers, as well as the Eucharistic prayers all celebrated by the Church as early as the 4th Century. The order of Mass will remain the same as will the Scripture readings and many of your favorite hymns. What will be different are some of the responses made by the congregation and some of the service music such as the Gloria. You are not to worry though. The choir will be acquainting you soon with the new service music, and there will be easy to read tri-fold cards with the congregational responses for you to refer to during the Mass. However, the words spoken by the priest will be noticeably different. You are probably asking, "Why the changes?"

Many of the texts such as the opening prayer make allusions to Scripture passages. The new translation from the Latin will make more apparent these scriptural references as a way of deepening our common faith. Some of these translations will undoubtedly seem longer and perhaps awkward in the beginning, but you will in time feel more comfortable with the wording, which offers more ways to convey rich theological ideas (for example, mercy and love) than the previous texts did. Not only will this new translation avoid the over use of some words then, it will offer poetic sounds that should enhance our liturgies.

Another reason for this new edition was the intention as early as 1970 that another revision would be undertaken; the current sacramentary was meant to be an interim text (although it has been in use for over forty years). You were born well after the Church introduced the celebration of the Mass in the vernacular (that is, the language of the people) as a result of Vatican II. Indeed it has served us well in providing a richer understanding of the faith we share. It offered a foundation for the vernacular worship upon which the Church is now building anew. First and foremost, though, is the attempt to gain greater adherence to the original Latin than the former edition did.

At this point you may be feeling somewhat lost and unprepared for the upcoming changes. That is certainly understandable! You may not have been all that familiar with the current liturgy in the first place. You should not panic, though. We in campus ministry are going to do all that we can to prepare you both before Advent and over the ensuing months. You will be given short, easy to read handouts about various aspects of change in the liturgy. You can anticipate brief introductions at the beginning of Mass about one or more changes. As mentioned above, the choir will be preparing you soon for the new service music that will be officially in use beginning in Advent. Most importantly, though, the priest will draw attention to a specific change in the liturgical texts and will attempt to explain their theological significance during the homily. This will be done over a period of time so that in time you will grasp the breadth and depth of our liturgies, and deepen your own faith. We in Campus Ministry, indeed the Catholic Church, want you to feel that this is your spiritual home in which we all can grow in our faith in Christ Jesus. "Let us come rejoicing to the house of the Lord!"



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Campus Ministry Events

Wed. October 26 Sophomore Evening of Reflection 5-7:30pm
Dinner included. RSVP Campus Ministry.

Tues. November 1 All Saints Day **Holy Day of Obligation**
Mass at 12:15pm and 7:15pm

Wed. November 2 All Souls Day Memorial Mass 12:15pm

Fri. November 4-6 Fall Retreat - Abbey of the Genesee
sign up in Campus Ministry by Friday, October 28th

Thur. November 10 Invisible Children Documentary "Rescue" 7:30pm
at the Castellani Art Museum

Fri. November 11 Veterans' Day Mass 12:15pm

Fri. Dec 2-3 BASIC Retreat 7:00pm-12:00pm

St. Vincent de Paul Meetings

Thur. Nov. 3, 17, and Dec. 1 7:30pm Lower Level Gallagher room 110

LIFT Groups

Tuesdays 7:30pm and Thursdays 8:00pm in the Chapel

BASIC

Philadelphia BASIC: January 7-14, 2012

application available in Campus Ministry due November 1

SUNDAY MASS ALUMNI CHAPEL

11:00am & 10:00pm

Daily MASS ALUMNI CHAPEL

Monday to Friday @ 12:15pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Wednesdays 4:30- 5:30pm - Alumni Chapel

Join us for Mass - Everyone is always

