Vincentian Week Events:
Saturday, Sept. 25-As a lead-up to Vincentian Heritage Week, Niagara University faculty and staff, along with members of the freshmen class, will perform a Day of Service in honor of the deaths of St. Vincent and St. Louise. University volunteers will spend the morning cleaning waterways, planting trees and stenciling storm drains with workers from LaSalle Pride, the Niagara Beautification Commission and the Buffalo Niagara Riverkeeper.
Monday, Sept. 27-12:30 to 1:30 p.m., the Chameleon’s Coat Christian band will perform “noon tunes” in the lower level of the Gallagher Center. During this time, a St. Vincent look-alike contest will take place, with Niagara students and employees donning 17th century garb in hopes of winning the largest audience approval.
Tuesday, Sept. 28-11 a.m, votive Mass for the Feast of St. Vincent, also marking the opening of the 2010-2011 school year, in the upper level of the Gallagher Center. 12 to 1 p.m., a viewing of the DVD St. Vincent DePaul, Charity’s Saint, LLCG study lounge.
Wednesday, Sept. 29-12 noon, The Niagara University community is invited to participate in a game of Vincentian Jeopardy, hosted by Peter “Alex” Butler, chair of the psychology department. Three teams (students, faculty, and admin/staff) will compete for bragging rights and an awesome prize.
Thursday, Sept. 30-4 p.m., Niagara University’s annual Vincentian Heritage Convocation will take place in the Alumni Chapel. This year’s honorees include Robert and Connie Dwyer (President’s Medal), Fr. Vincent O’Malley, C.M. (President’s Medal), Vincent Agnello (Vincentian Mission Award), Paul McManus (Niagara Legacy Alumni of Distinction Award), and Sr. Mary Fran Martin, D.C. (honorary degree).
Friday, Oct. 1-12 to 1 p.m., a showing of the DVD St. Vincent DePaul, Charity’s Saint, LLGC study lounge 3 p.m., A poverty simulation workshop, organized by Dr. Kevin Blair, associate professor of social work, will take place from 3 to 5 p.m. on the 4th floor of St. Vincent’s Hall. The role-playing experience affords students with an opportunity to gain insight into the realities of living in conditions of poverty. Karen Edmond, a professional-in-residence and field practicum coordinator at NU, will direct the simulation.
Saturday, Oct. 2-9 a.m., EAGLE, a leadership development program at Niagara, is sponsoring “Lead Niagara.” a forum that aims to take the university to higher levels of excellence by fostering collaboration among the community. Students and alumni who are passionate about enhancing Niagara’s future are invited to a networking opportunity from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Under the Taps in the Gallagher Center. For registration information, please contact Mitchell Alegre at malegre@niagara.edu.
Sunday, Oct. 3-Masses in honor of Sts. Vincent and Louise are slated for 11 a.m. and 10 p.m. in the Alumni Chapel.

SUNDAY MASS ALUMNI CHAPEL
11:00am & 10:00pm
Daily MASS ALUMNI CHAPEL
Monday to Friday @ 12:15pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)
Mondays 5 – 6:30pm – Alumni Chapel
Join us for Mass - Everyone is always WELCOME!!

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EAGLE’S WINGS

DUC AD ALTUM!
Welcome… and welcome back!
Are you tired of hearing that, either as a new or returning student? It still bears repeating! The return of students to campus is always exciting; the start of another year filled with hope and many possibilities for growth. Growth in the college years occurs in varied ways: intellectually, socially, and of course, spiritually.

In college, you “make your life” through the choices and decisions you embrace. The effects of these choices stay with you well beyond your time on Mont Eagle Ridge. Your course of study, your roommates and friends, your co-curricular activities and internships, classes, your mentors among faculty and staff; all are a rich source of blessing to equip and carry you through life challenges.

But still, it can be scary, whether a new or returning student. How do you “make your life” when confusion sets in a number of fronts? Pope John Paul II, who had a tremendous connection with today’s youth, told a wonderful story with a phrase from Luke’s Gospel whenever he spoke to young people on the myriad challenges they faced.

The story concerns St. Peter, a fisherman, frustrated after a night of fruitless fishing. Jesus appears on the shore and tells him to get back into the boat and try again. Peter, a forthright soul, is not pleased with this request, and tells Jesus they’ve tried all night, to no avail. Jesus words are simple: “Put out into the deep, and lower your nets for a catch.” (Lk. 5:3-4). He does so, and catches so many fish that they send out an extra boat to haul it all the fish. The phrase “Put out into the Deep” – in Latin – “Duc ad altum” was John Paul’s signature remark to bring hope to youth who came seeking help with the uncertainty and anxiety of life in today’s world.

“Duc ad altum” – Put out into the deep is code for entrusting life’s challenges and problems to Jesus. Allow him to walk with you in moments of joy and times of difficulty. Don’t give in to conventional wisdom or peer pressure and take the easy way out. Be willing to take prudent and courageous risks. Maybe you’ll succeed, maybe not. Either way, you will learn and grow. If you allow the Lord Jesus to walk with you, in the words of an altum 4). It still bears repeating! The return of students to campus is always exciting;

We in Campus Ministry stand ready to help you “put out into the deep” to grow in your faith, make new friends, and serve others in the way of Jesus and of St. Vincent de Paul. “Duc ad altum” – put out into the deep and join us as we have a great year!

Fr. John T. Maher, C.M. ’76
Director, Campus Ministry
University Chaplain
Welcome home, students! I pray that you are smoothly settling into your semester rou-
tines and enjoying being reunited with your friends and NU family. You were sorely
missed over the summer! It’s so great to have you back on campus, and it’s been won-
derful to meet our new students over the past few weeks.

Our first priority in Campus Ministry is to provide you with places and experi-
ences to grow in your faith with one another. We are communal, social people. We
need each other! St. Vincent really hit the nail on the head when he said, “…To rely on
our talents is a cause of great loss. When someone places confidence in his
own prudence, knowledge, and intelligence, God, to make him know and see
his insufficiency, withdraws from him His help and leaves him to work by himself.
This is often why our undertakings miserably fail.” We each have gifts to share and are
called to accept gifts from others. We are called both to give and receive.

Campus Ministry provides students with lots of opportunities to find and build community while sharing your
gifts and learning with and from one another. Our small faith-sharing groups offer you an opportu-
tunity to come together in a safe, welcoming, and relaxed environment, to talk about issues of faith and
living out your faith on campus. This semester, we have a women’s group that meets on Mondays
at 7 in the Chapel for Bible study. Our two LIFT (Living In Faith Together) groups kicked-off the semes-
ter with a pizza party on the 15th. These groups meet Wednesdays at 7pm in the Chapel and Thursdays at
8:30pm in the Rare Book Room on the second floor of the library. Each of these groups welcomes all stu-
dents for a weekly hour of prayer, study, reflection, and fellowship.

If you’d like more information on this semester’s faith-sharing groups, contact Krista.

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“God does not make ugly”

“Art is a space in my life where I relax for a while. It is my place for peace…. Because of art, I now see
things in detail with splashes of colors with different mixtures, textures and the way things flow. I can enjoy
a world of dancing leaves as they float to the ground.” - Sandy

“I enjoy art because it takes me out of myself and gets me absorbed in other things such as color and beau-
ty… Now I notice a world of color.” - Millicent

“I am now observant of my world because I do art.” - Amie

“If more people could do art all the time, I think the world would be a better place.” - LuAnn

Service has just begun! The St. Vincent de Paul Society has a myriad of service opportunities at an
array of times with all age groups in the Niagara Falls area. It is about making relationships with those
you are doing service with and those you are serving. The founder of the St. Vincent de Paul Society was
a twenty year old college student and little did ever realize that it would grow to be the largest Catholic
organization. The next meeting is Thursday, October 7th at 6:30 in the Study Lounge. All are welcome
and bring a friend! Any questions contact Monica Saltarelli at ms@niagara.edu.

LuAnn

Arnie

Sandy

Christina Schliesman,
Campus Minister

Fr. Bruce Krause, C.M.,
Campus Minister

Monica Saltarelli,
Campus Minister

This academic year began quite a bit differently for NU Campus Ministry. Fourteen incoming freshmen came to school a week early to learn about the
Vincentian Mission, do service, and familiarize with Niagara University and the
outlying area.

Mitch Willie, Jessica Bialkowski, Becca Yuhas, Tracy Schmidt, Kyle Kohler, Liam Surry, Andrea Nicolina, Bethany Leggett, Erin Hill, Joanne McKeon, Nathan Miller, Nate Resilia, John Kasprazk, and Kayla Carraquillo were the freshmen participants and Carmen Schaff, Ashley Serwon, and Pat
rick Teixeira were the dedicated student leaders who helped make this week such a huge success. High-
lights of the week were working with Jill Shuey at the Community Garden, using their muscles by build-
ing a fence, being at the Heart, Love, and Soul Soup Kitchen, Our Lady of Lebanon Food Pantry, and the
St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store. The students were really impressed with visiting Our Lady of Victory Basilica and the impact the modern day Vincent de Paul, an NU grad, Fr. Nelson Baker had on countless people especially orphans. On a fun note, ask one of the plungers who has the best ice cream – is it Hib-
bard’s, the Silo, or is it Dee Dees? Check out Campus Ministry’s website to look at all the great pictures
of the week! It will give you a genuine understanding of what the week was really like. The “Plungers”
have enthusiastically volunteered for next year’s plunge! To quote one of the 14 plungers, “This program
has made me fall in love with Niagara!” The Student Plungers and the student leaders are such a rich
blessing to NU!

SCENES FROM NIAGARA PLUNGE

Monica Saltarelli,
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