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I'm one of the least spontaneous people I know. My life has lots of scheduled activities. I can't keep it all together without a plan.

Running a Catholic campus ministry program without a plan is a very bad idea, yet prior to 1985 it wasn't that uncommon. In the late 1970s and early 1980s campus ministers and the U.S. bishops saw great things happening on some campuses and set out to create an outline for excellence that could spread throughout the country. In 1985, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops wrote a pastoral letter that has organized our work ever since: *Empowered By The Spirit*.

Empowered lists six aspects of Catholic campus ministry in bullet-point style. They're a checklist of critical functions of our mission:

- Forming the Faith Community
- Appropriating the Faith
- Forming the Christian Conscience
- Educating for Justice
- Facilitating Personal Development
- Developing Leaders for the Future

In this issue of our newsletter we're focusing on the first: Forming the Faith Community.

Our new CBASS (Catholic Brothers And Sisters @ Stanford) team welcomes frosh and undergrads who are new to our community. ESTEEM links students with Catholic faculty and staff and CCAS members as mentors. Our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd gathers young faculty and grad student families around creative teaching of the faith. Then there are the retreats, service trips, the recent homecoming mass. There are so many ways to knit a faith community together.

Thanks for being a part of it all. Know that you're in my prayers.





Where ARE THEY NOW?

REV. STEPHEN CORDER, SJ., a 1990 grad with majors in Spanish and Psychology, joined the Jesuits immediately after graduation. Ordained a priest in 2001, he holds a doctorate of ministry specializing in spirituality from the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago and a licentiate in sacred theology in the area of spirituality from the Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley. Currently, he is the Executive Director of the Loyola Institute of Spirituality in Southern California. Fr. Corder offers retreats, spiritual direction, and conferences on Ignatian spirituality in both English and Spanish.

JOON PAHK, a choir alum, and a graduate with a Master's degree (2005) and a PhD in Applied Physics (2009), was recently on *Jeopardy*, where he was successful enough to be invited back for the tournament of Champions! Joon is a lecturer in Physics at Harvard. He and his wife Caroline (a doctor working in a women's clinic in Boston) have two children.



MARTIN CORPOS, a 2006 grad and a former intern, writes: "Hello Catholic Community :) Since my intern days down on The Farm, I have lived for the most part in San Francisco and worked at a small startup for a few years before taking some time off and briefly moving to India. In India I had the great fortune to work for a social venture startup, Embrace, that designs life changing products for the developing world. For me it was an amazing combination of engineering and social innovation and the type of space I hope inspires our future generations to take on. After traveling around India and Europe, I accepted my current position as a Product Design Project Manager at Apple. In my spare time these days you can find me playing with my two nieces and nephew, traveling to visit friends and family, or making my way back down to Stanford for football games and the occasional Memorial Church wedding or Mass."



ANNE BERRY, a 2001 graduate who sang with the choir, stopped by with her husband and baby Susanna to visit CC@S. They were taking a post-residency trip to California before embarking on their new jobs with a community health center in West Virginia. Anne writes: "The health Center is Cabin Creek Health Systems. Started by coal miners' unions in the 1970s when the unions were trying to bring healthcare to their communities, it is now an independent community health center with a community board, and four different sites

in small towns surrounding Charleston. The site my husband and I will be working at is in Clendenin, a small rural town 30-minutes north of Charleston. The health center serves people with and without health insurance. It was great to see you all, and wonderful to attend a Stanford Catholic Community Mass again and hear the choir! The Catholic community was such an important part of my time at Stanford, and I would even say my (ongoing) formation as a person."

The Catholic IMAGINATION

One Tuesday evening each month, the Professors Gelpi graciously open their home on campus for a drop-in book discussion group, usually focusing on a Catholic author. Barbara Gelpi, Professor of English, Emeritus, and Al Gelpi, Coe Professor of American Literature, Emeritus, are both wonderful teachers and gracious hosts. We are always treated to a background discussion of the author's life and work. Students, staff, faculty members and permanent community members have dropped in on discussions of novels and poetry, ranging from Jack Kerouac to Flannery O'Connor, from Gerard Manley Hopkins to Robert Lowell. Occasionally, the group discussion includes authors who, while religious, aren't Catholic, for example Mary Oliver, Marilynne Robinson and T.S. Eliot. Over a three-year period, the group has been fortunate to have several authors who were in the area accept the Gelpis' invitation to discuss their work. Ron Hansen, Bo Caldwell, John L'Heureux, Mary Gordon and Tobias Wolff have shared their personal stories and given the group wonderful insights into the writing process.



Companions ALONG THE WAY



“Campus Ministry attempts to form faith communities in an academic environment that knows both a healthy sense of solidarity and a good deal of alienation”. These lines from the Bishops’ letter *Empowered by the Spirit* capture the goal of every healthy campus ministry team. Community is fostered in several ways. Often, individuals meet for another purpose: to pray the rosary, to attend Mass, to participate in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, to sing in the choir, to feed the hungry here and abroad. For example, many students serve lunch once or twice a month in St. Anthony’s Soup Kitchen. In another project, students met at Hillel to bake Challah bread as a fundraiser to help Catholic Relief Services. We have two Service/Immersion programs a year: one at Thanksgiving to Las Vegas and one on spring break to El Salvador). In gathering together to pray or to serve others, students form bonds of friendship and develop interconnectivity as a result of a shared interest.

There are several groups which meet frequently for fellowship and learning: The Grad Student weekly meeting, called Catholicism 101, starts with dinner cooked by one of our campus ministers, Lourdes Alonso. Discussion follows, usually led by a student volunteer or, occasionally, a guest speaker. There is also a grad student dinner and bible study on Sunday evenings. Grad students and undergrads are part of our leadership-training program ESTEEM. The ESTEEM members began the year with a retreat to get to know one another, and there are several presentations each quarter,

followed by discussion. The mentors in this program meet with their individual students several times a month to share their faith journeys.

The undergrad programs are quite varied, in order to meet the needs of a diverse group of students. It can be something as simple as Sunday Night Dinners together in one of the dorms, or a movie night. Tuesday Night Topics, led by Father Isaiah, fosters a healthy discussion about the ways in which our faith intersects with our life. Cardinal Soul Matters is an interfaith dinner and discussion led by The Rev. Joanne Sanders and Fr. Isaiah Molano. We are very excited about a program initiated just this year: CBASS is a new relational ministry that reaches out to frosh and other Stanford students that want to reconnect or connect with the Catholic Community for the first time. There are 40 students that serve as “big sibs” to small groups of new students. Each “sibling family” meets on a weekly basis to share a meal or do something social. We kicked off the year with a fellowship night and ice cream social. A few weeks later our “big sibs” went to the freshmen dorms to drop off candy and invite students to a game night. These small groups are helping us form a loving and inviting faith community.

The bishops said: “The task of forming Christian communities on the campus encounters great difficulties, but also brings deep satisfaction.” In this effort, we become both sign and instrument of God’s love and care for all of our students in CC@S.



Family Album

- 1 2 3 Welcome Barbecue
- 4 5 6 Homecoming Reception and Mass
- 7 2011-2012 ESTEEM Student Group
- 8 Permanent community potluck, Ron Peterson, Bill Galliani, Cheryl Albuquerque, Pat Rice, Vijay Albuquerque
- 9 ESTEEM Retreat
- 10 Teresa Pleins and Dr. Mark Hager at the permanent community reception



Upcoming Events

- DEC. 10, 11pm:** Early Holiday Liturgy, MemChu
- DEC. 11, 4:30pm:** Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass, MemChu
- DEC. 25, 2011, 12am:** Midnight Mass, MemChu
- DEC. 25, 2011, Noon:** Christmas Mass, MemChu
- LENT 2012 (TBA):** Liturgical Arts Concert, "The Passion According to Matthew, Mark, Luke and John," MemChu
- FEB. 10-12, 2012:** Called and Gifted Workshop
- MARCH 24-APRIL 1, 2012:** Spring Break Service Trip
- APRIL 29, 2012, 4:30pm:** Confirmation, MemChu
- MAY 20, 2012, 10:30am:** First Communion, Tresidder



An Update ON FORMER CC@S PRIESTS

MSGR. EUGENE BOYLE served as Pastor at St Ann’s and Director of Campus Ministry for the Newman Club at Stanford until 1983. He was responsible for transitioning the Catholic Newman Center, as it was then called, from St. Ann’s in Palo Alto to the campus. Father Boyle just turned 90 years old! He is now living at Casa on the Peninsula in Menlo Park and says Mass on Mondays at St. Thomas Aquinas in Palo Alto.

FR. TIMOTHY KIDNEY served as pastor of St. Ann’s from 1983 until 1985, at which time all of the Catholic churches in Palo Alto were united under the Parish of St. Thomas Aquinas and St. Ann’s was closed. Father Kidney was sent to work in Jamaica, and then returned to St Joseph’s in Mountain View, (650-967-3831) where he has resided since his retirement.

FR. RUSS ROIDE, SJ. (rroide@calprov.org) spent eight years at Stanford from 1984 until 1992. From Stanford, he went on to become the first Jesuit pastor at St Agnes in San Francisco, and later to St Francis Xavier Parish in Phoenix, AZ. For the last several years Fr. Roide was at the University of Hawaii Newman Center in Honolulu, and has just taken up residence in Italy as the chaplain to the Gonzaga University in Florence.

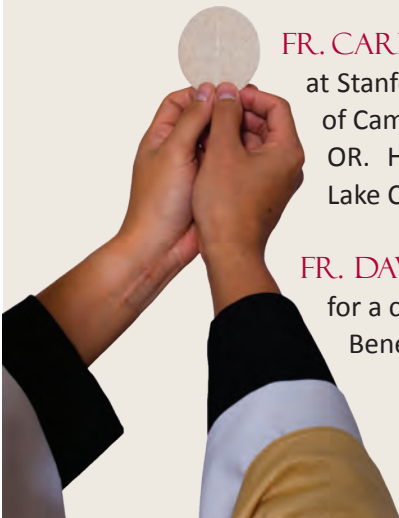
FR. JAMES ERPS, SJ. (jerps@calprov.org) served the Catholic Community at Stanford from 1991 until 1995. From Stanford, Fr. Erps went to become the Chaplain for the law school at Loyola Marymount in Los Angeles, CA from 1996 until 2000, and later spent ten years as the Director of the Campus Ministry program at Boston College. Currently he is back at his Alma Mater, Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles.

FR. PATRICK LABELL, O.P. (labelleop@gmail.com) became the first Dominican to serve Campus Ministry at Stanford in 1995. In July of 1997, CCAS became its own parish as well, under the patronage of St. Dominic, so Fr. LaBelle was Pastor and Director until June 2007. Fr. LaBelle did not move very far away after his twelve years at Stanford, choosing to become the Director of the Vallombrosa Center in Menlo Park. Currently he is Prior at St Dominic’s in San Francisco.

FR. JOHN PAUL FORTE, O.P. (jpforteop@hotmail.com) worked with CCAS for six years from 1996 until 2002, when he left to pursue a Master’s degree in Counseling Psychology at USD. He was called to interrupt this program after one year to be Director of the Campus Ministry program at UCSD. Several years ago, Father John Paul returned to sing with Fr. Dominic DeLay, O.P., in a performance of “Black and White”.

FR. CARL SCHLICHTE, O.P. (scnspastor@gmail.com) has worked at the Catholic Community at Stanford twice: from 2002-2006, and from 2008-2010. In between, Fr. Carl was Director of Campus Ministry at the University of Oregon and Prior of Holy Rosary Priory in Portland, OR. He currently serves as Director of Campus Ministry at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City.

FR. DAVID GEIB, O.P. (dwgeib@opwest.org) arrived at Stanford in 2006 and left in 2008 for a campus ministry position at Occidental College. Currently he is ministering at the St. Benedict Lodge, a Dominican Retreat and Conference Center in McKenzie Bridge, Oregon.

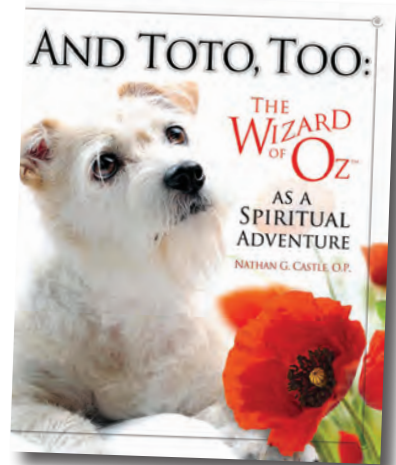




Follow the Yellow Brick Road

A NEW AUTHOR ON CAMPUS!

We have a new author at CCAS! Father Nathan Castle, O.P., has just published his book called *And Toto, Too: The Wizard of Oz As A Spiritual Adventure*. Anyone who has ever seen the movie knows that *Dorothy got lots of help from loyal friends and folks she just met, human, magical, canine, feline.* (From the section of the book called “Thanks and Praise”) So this is a book about companions along the way, and about the importance of a supportive community. But it is also about our spiritual journeys: How does this journey of Dorothy recall some famous spiritual journeys of people like Abraham, Moses, even Jesus? How do Nathan Castle’s experiences relate to the adventures of the Scarecrow, the Tin Man and the Cowardly Lion? How does ours? And finally, who is the character of Toto meant to represent? This book, in a very entertaining and accessible way, encourages us to engage with our personal questions about life choices, questions about our relationships with those we encounter, and the big question of what it means to come home. As the Franciscan spiritual writer Fr. Richard Rohr puts it: *Personal yet profound, filled with creative connections, ‘And Toto, Too’ is the kind of very readable book that can also change how you see everything!*



Father Nathan has held two book signing events in Arizona, and has recently returned from an invitation-only gathering of the media in New York called the National Publicity Summit. He has directed two retreats this fall related to the book. A Stanford book signing took place November 11. **Books are available through his website: andtoto.org, or through Amazon.**

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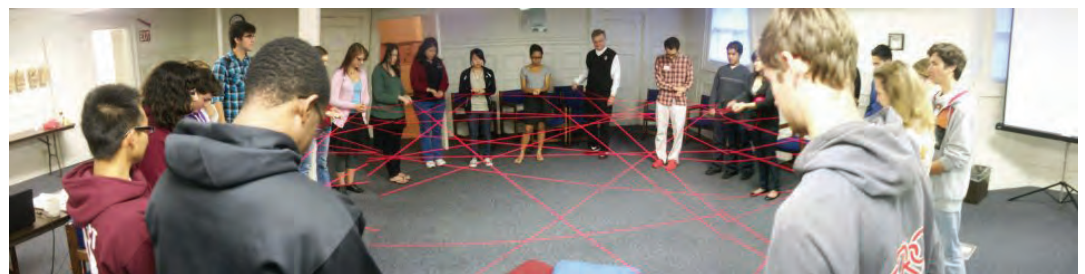
THE UNDERGRAD RETREAT

CC@S undergraduate programming includes two retreats a year: one during fall quarter and one during spring quarter. For this fall’s retreat, held for 27 students at Vallombrosa Retreat Center (Menlo Park), the undergrad leaders chose three themes from Father Nathan’s recently-released book *And Toto, Too: The Wizard of Oz As A Spiritual Adventure*.

After viewing the “Wizard of Oz” movie (on which Fr. Nathan’s book is based), students gathered, in large and small group sessions, to share personal stories and to discuss ways of coming closer to God and to others in their lives. They also found time to have an outdoor barbecue with s’mores and to watch the Stanford/USC game on television (and what a game it was!). Mass was said both Saturday and

Sunday, and students also had personal time for reflection and to do their homework. The students explored questions such as “*what do I want from a community?*” and “*what can I bring to a community?*”.

One student summed up his retreat experience this way: “The opportunity to discuss my Catholic faith with friends in the community did wonders for me. The Lord was working within me this weekend. No doubt.”





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(left) Students at the Reception after Homecoming Mass Oct 23.

(below) Guests at the Permanent Community Potluck this summer.



SUNDAY MASSES

10:30am, Tresidder
4:30pm, Memorial Church
10:00pm, Memorial Church

DAILY EUCHARIST (12:20pm)

Mon, Wed, Fri: Memorial Church
Tues, Thurs: Old Union Sanctuary

CONFESSION (during the academic year)

Old Union Third Floor
Tues: 1:30-2:30pm, 9:00-10:30pm
and by appointment

ADORATION, with Rosary (during the academic year)

Sanctuary, Old Union
Tues: 9:00-10:30pm