“I GAVE YOU EUCHARIST”


HE WAS OLD AND TIRED, pushing his cart down the alley, a dumpster diver up to his armpits in someone’s garbage. I wanted to tell him about Eucharist, but the look in his eyes, the despair on his face—was it fear or madness? The shame of needing someone else’s garbage told me to just forget it. Instead I smiled and said, “Hi” and gave him a couple dollars—Eucharist.

She lived alone, daughter murdered, husband dead, health gone. She talked incessantly and with amazing and tedious detail—at you but not with you. Endless words spewed out, the only proof that she was still alive. So I tried to listen—and gave her Eucharist.

They were sitting on the sidewalk at the street corner. Human garbage by some people’s reckoning. Not respectable. Not the right ethnicity though this land was theirs before others took it from them. She asked for a handout. He sat looking at the ground. I had the day off and plenty of time. So we went for a meal at the fast food joint. The ordered what they wanted. I paid the bill—Eucharist.

Good God, when will we learn? You can’t just talk about Eucharist. You can’t philosophize or dogmize about it. You can only do it—sometimes laughing, sometimes crying, sometimes almost unconsciously, and sometimes when you are singing out loud. It can happen in the depth of pain or in deep peace,

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PRA YER FOR UNITY

God of all, you challenge us to be a unified national community.
You call us to move beyond partisan politics so we may create a vision of the common good so sorely needed for our country.

In this time of confusion, you call us to see clearly with the lens of justice for all.

In this time of disrespect for so many, you call on us to practice respect for all voices around the table, and for all voices not heard in the discussions.

In this time of personal insecurity, you call on us to be grounded in compassion for others and secure in the knowledge we are called to community.

In this time of despair for so many, you call us to practice hope.

God of all, bless our nation at this time and open the way to unity so we may follow your call.

Amen.

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“I GAVE YOU EUCHARIST”

or in abject shame. It doesn’t have to be planned. And it’s never deserved. Eucharist can be found when you look into the eyes of another person. It can be sensed in a smile or felt in a reconciling or healing embrace. It may whisper in the leaves on a summer’s day or in the voice of someone who just needs to talk. And you may whisper it in someone’s ear or hold it in your arms as a gesture of love. Eucharist is not complicated, but it surely is the great mystery of human life.

“I give you my word, my hand, my time, my attention. I give you the very best of myself, I give you my life. I give you Eucharist,” says Jesus. “Do this yourself every one of you, everywhere, anywhere. And when you do, remember me. Remember me.”

WELCOME FAMILIES!

SPIRITAN CAMPUS MINISTRY would like to extend a warm welcome to all of the families visiting during Family Weekend! We hope that you enjoy spending time on campus and making memories with the Duquesne Community!

CATHOLIC ARTISTIC IMAGINATION

Beautiful art. Interesting conversation. That’s the recipe for Catholic Artistic Imagination events. Join us.

The CATHOLIC ARTISTIC IMAGINATION SERIES celebrates the social, communicative, and humanizing power of the arts. At this year’s events, we will explore different genres of art that are informed by Catholic ideas and ideals as well as reflect on other artistic expressions from a Catholic perspective.

Our first event is a campus excursion to the Society for Contemporary Craft in the Strip District to view artistic expressions of how safe and secure shelter—or lack of it—impacts people around the world.

SHELTER: CRAFTING A SAFE HOME

Thursday, Oct. 26 | 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Space is limited.
Please RSVP by Thursday, Oct. 19 to duq.edu/CAI-shelter.

ALIVE

JOIN US following the Mass for Peace on Monday, Oct. 23 at 8:30 p.m. for fellowship and community!

ALIVE is a once-monthly opportunity to take some time away from our busy, stressful schedules and sit in Jesus’ presence.

This will be a great opportunity to enter into the each liturgical season, to meet new friends and to build community. Snacks and lemonade will be offered in Bayer Hall after each event!

Please feel free to join us at any time throughout the night, and bring your friends! Hope to see you there! For more information contact Linda Donovan at donovanl@duq.edu.
**RCIA AND CONFIRMATION**

**ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT** becoming Catholic? Are you baptized Catholic and want to be confirmed? If so, we invite you to participate in the RCIA and Confirmation process. RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a process designed to enable an individual to become a full member of the Catholic Church. Any person seeking Baptism in the Catholic Church, baptized members of other Christian denominations wishing to join the Catholic Church, or baptized Catholics desiring First Eucharist and Confirmation are invited to participate in the RCIA and Confirmation process.

RCIA meets **Tuesdays at 4:30 p.m.** in the Spiritan Campus Ministry Center on the first floor of Towers.

For more information, contact Linda Donovan at x1628 or donovanl@duq.edu or Fr. Dan Walsh, C.S.Sp. at walshd@duq.edu.

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**FAIR TRADE WEEK**

**Interested in Working on Fair Trade and Food Justice?**

It is still not too late to get involved in Fair Trade Week for this year! **Fair Trade Week runs from Monday, Nov. 27 through Thursday, Nov. 30** and has several events seeking to educate the Duquesne community on what Fair Trade is and how it seeks to bring artisans and farmers in developing nations to a global market.

We are looking for people to join the Fair Trade and Food Justice committee! For more information on Fair Trade, and how to participate in the fall semester events, please contact Kate Lecci at leccik@duq.edu.

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**LIFE, PEACE AND JUSTICE CONFERENCE**

**FRIDAY, OCT. 20 – SUNDAY, OCT. 22 | PITTSBURGH, PA**

**Hosted by CEL at Duquesne & Choose Life @ Pitt**

**LIFE/PEACE/JUSTICE CONFERENCE** is an event dedicated to education, discourse, activism and volunteerism related to a broad range of issues of human rights and dignity. This weekend promises to challenge your apathy, increase your knowledge, expand your horizons, and dare you to think outside the box. Join us—and change the world.

For more information on registration, visit: [www.lifepeacejustice.com/](http://www.lifepeacejustice.com/) or contact Linda Donovan at donovanl@duq.edu.

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**SPIRITAN CAMPUS MINISTRY EVENTS: Weeks of October 8 – October 21, 2017**

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What is Spiritan Campus Ministry?

Spiritan Campus Ministry (SCM) is much more than a group of individuals or an agenda of programs or opportunities for service. It is the Spirit of Duquesne University…the Spirit that moves, that leads, that guides.

SCM serves all students, faculty and staff—whatever their faith—by helping them understand and engage the University mission and Spiritan tradition so they can share it with each other, their communities and the world beyond.

Pastoral Care- Spiritan campus ministers are trained professionals, lay and ordained, men and women, who are available to serve the needs of Duquesne students, faculty and staff, especially on issues of faith, relationships and life’s struggles.

Feel free to contact Spiritan Campus Ministry anytime, but especially when...

- you are worried about grades
- you are in conflict over friends or roommate
- you have questions about your sexuality
- you have concerns about your family or friends
- your faith is challenged
- you or someone you know is ill
- you have questions on morality
- you are facing issues of death and dying
- you or someone you know is experiencing an unplanned pregnancy
- you need spiritual direction
- you are considering becoming Catholic, or need preparation to receive the sacraments of Eucharist, Confirmation and/or Reconciliation

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NOT SURE WHAT TO DO AFTER GRADUATION?

Thinking about a gap year or a year of service?

CHECK OUT THE NEW SPIRITAN YEAR OF SERVICE PROGRAM!

The Spiritan Year of Service Program (SYSP) is designed to be a challenging yet rewarding experience for new college graduates passionate about social justice and wanting to grow on their spiritual journey. Participants spend a year serving in Pittsburgh while living a simple life and taking part in self-reflection and spiritual growth opportunities.

For more information or to download an application check out duq.edu/sysp or email Luci-Jo DiMaggio at dimaggi171@duq.edu.

SCM ON: TWITTER, INSTAGRAM & FACEBOOK

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Follow us @SCMduq on Twitter and Instagram to get instant updates on events and more information on all that we offer!

If you don’t already, LIKE us on Facebook at Spiritan Campus Ministry-Duquesne University.