

SERVICE, SPIRIT, SOCIAL JUSTICE, FAITH EXPLORATION



FRANCISCAN CENTER FOR SOCIAL CONCERN

The FCSC welcomes all members of the university community who have a yearning for justice and peace, respect for life, and a deep reverence for creation. The journey begins with serving others, but also includes reflecting on that experience in the light of faith, integrating it with our studies, and becoming agents for positive change in the Catholic-Franciscan tradition. We believe that such a journey will change lives, transform our campus, and create a better world.

Tread Lightly

Tread Lightly is an environmental group that promotes awareness about environmental issues by attending protests, lectures and films. In conjunction with the Franciscan Center for Social Concern and the SBU Sustainability Committee, we are proactive in promoting a greener campus by participating in Sustainability Week, RecycleMania, the Trashion Fashion Show, bringing speakers to campus, sponsoring "toilet talks" and promoting campus cleanups.

Service Trips & Volunteer Experiences

Students are immersed in local, national and international cross-cultural experiences. Students, ministers and faculty engage in service and reflection designed to consider global issues and to discern one's vocation.

SBU for Life

We work to foster conversation among all people about the sanctity of life, no matter their stance on the issue. We hold monthly discussions about life issues, which often include a "guest club" (another club that relates to the monthly issue). We discuss much more than the usual hot-button issues like abortion and euthanasia.

Parish Internship Program

This is an ecumenical internship program that has the goal of allowing students to explore issues related to their faith and life issues of social justice, peace by involvement with children's ministries, youth groups, planning and leadership.

Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi

The Leadership Pilgrimage brings together students from Franciscan colleges and universities across the United States to reflect on and learn from the vision and values of Saints Francis and Clare of Assisi. The Pilgrimage includes time for reflection, study, conversation, leisure, relaxation and visits to sacred Franciscan places in Assisi and Rome.

MT. IRENAEUS

A mountain sanctuary a short distance from campus, Mt. Irenaeus serves as a retreat for students, faculty, and all kinds of visitors who wish to participate in "making all things new" in a welcoming and supportive community in the Catholic-Franciscan tradition.

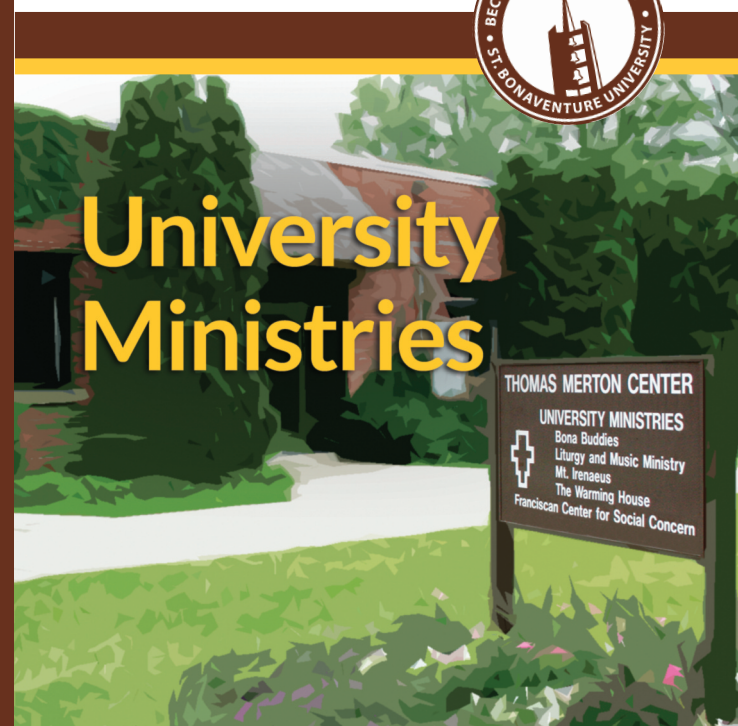
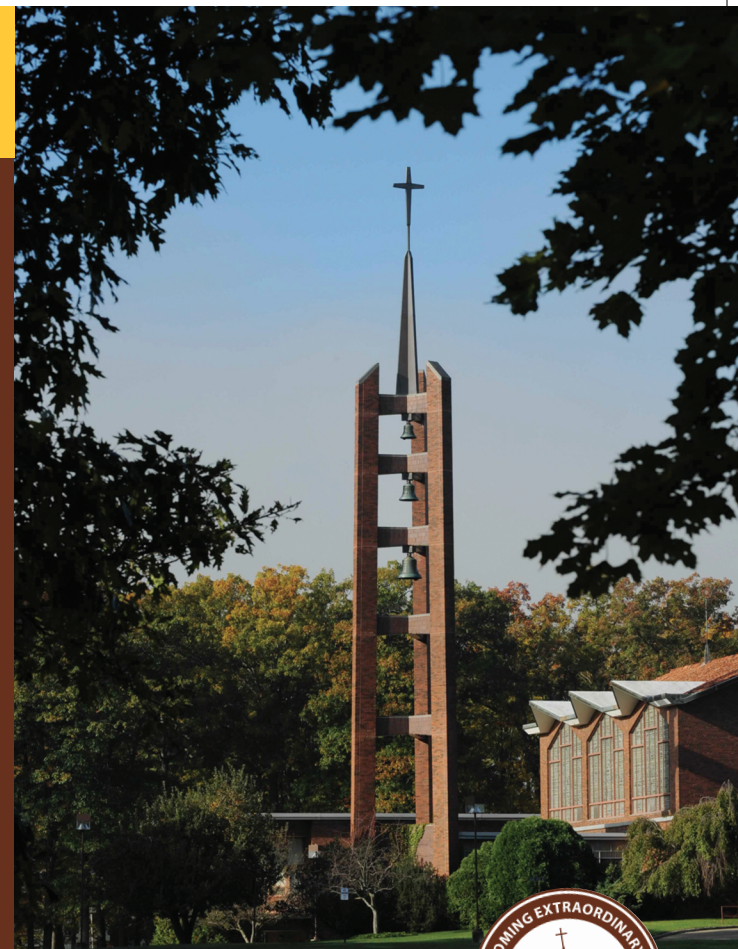


Mountain Community Leaders

Students and others bring the spirit of the Mountain "into the Valley" and take leadership roles in making Mountain events available to their peers.

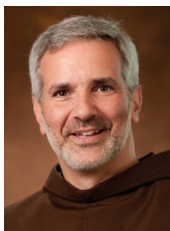
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CREATING A TRANSFORMATIONAL FRANCISCAN EXPERIENCE FOR ALL MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY

UNIVERSITY MINISTRIES



University Ministries welcomes students of all religious affiliations to participate in a variety of opportunities for spiritual growth, service, social action and community building. We are located in the Thomas Merton Center in the heart of campus. The Center is open to students and staff 24 hours a day, seven days a

week. **Fr. Francis Di Spigno, O.F.M.**, is the executive director of University Ministries.

FAITH FORMATION, WORSHIP & MINISTRIES

This pillar of University Ministries engages and invites all into the life of the Catholic Church. We enhance faith through liturgical programs, sacraments, worship experiences and all kinds of spiritual formation.

Liturgy

The Mass schedule is Sundays at 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. in the University Chapel (Doyle Hall); and Monday to Thursday at 4:45 p.m. in the Chapel of St. Clare. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated the first Wednesday of every month in the Chapel. We train students for a variety of liturgical ministries including Eucharistic Ministry, Lector Ministry, Music Ministry, Hospitality Ministry, Liturgy Committee and Acolyte Ministry.

Kingdom Quest

Kingdom Quest is a scripture-based prayer group that meets Mondays from 7-8 p.m. in the Merton Center. Members seek to encounter God's presence by prayerfully reading and reflecting on the Bible passages that will be proclaimed in the upcoming Sunday.

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process by which those who wish to join the Catholic faith community are welcomed and introduced to the beliefs and practices of the Church. For those not yet baptized, this process leads to the Easter Vigil where they receive the



Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Those who have been previously baptized in another Christian tradition are invited to participate fully in the Church through the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.

Search Retreat Team

The Search Retreat Team is a faith-based community that gathers weekly to discuss and share our faith within the Catholic tradition in the context of preparing Confirmation retreats for high school students.

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic fraternal organization that aids the needy and raises funds for charities. SBU has a local chapter of the Knights of Columbus that meets monthly and contributes to our community on a regular basis.

Women's Group

A weekly group for women that discusses matters of life, faith, and spirituality.

InterVarsity

SBU InterVarsity, an interdenominational student-led Christian fellowship group, is part of a nationwide movement to help students explore their faith and become closer with one another through God.

Embrace

Embrace welcomes all people to share their thoughts, beliefs and cultures to come to a better understanding of the richness and depth of our community. Join us for casual conversations about the different faith experiences that make up our Bonaventure family.

The Warming House

The Warming House is one of the oldest university-run soup kitchens in the nation. It offers daily meals to the hungry, homeless and underserved. We serve more than 12,000 meals annually to this vulnerable population. The Warming House offers service and internship opportunities for St. Bonaventure students as it continues to provide nourishment and fellowship in a space that upholds and celebrates the dignity of all.

Bona Buddies

Bona Buddies is a mentoring program where one-to-one relationships are established between St. Bonaventure students and local at-risk youth, ages 5 to 15, who receive friendship and guidance of an older person. One afternoon a week can make a difference in their lives.

Bona Bridges

This program looks to bridge the generations. We connect Bonaventure students with elderly in the community. We create spaces for students and the elderly to grow through the sharing of stories and companionship.

Athletics Ministry Team Chaplaincy

The Athletics Ministries Team offers blessings and prays with the various intercollegiate and club sports teams throughout the year.



Religious & Ministers in Residence

Our Religious and Ministers in Residence live in the residence halls with students during the academic year. They advise and counsel students, explore faith, and host events for liturgy, prayer, reflection and meditation.