



Office of Campus and Young Adult Ministry

Catholic Diocese of Richmond

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Lent 2009

Dear Campus and Young Adult Ministry friends and benefactors:

Lent is our season of renewal; when we seek to turn our lives back to God, renew our promises to be holy people and prepare for the great celebration of Christ's Paschal Mystery for us. In our preparation we deepen our prayer life, sacrifice through fasting, and share the blessings God has given to us through alms giving. I am writing to ask you to remember the Office of Campus and Young Adult Ministry in your generosity.

Many of you are aware of the tumultuous period our office experienced due to Sr. Diane Guy's death, but I want to assure you that our ministry and mission are strong and active. Thanks to Mrs. Lisa Draucker who served as Interim Office Coordinator, the young adult leaders, and the strong cadre of campus ministers, the mission continued strong; a sign of the quality of Sr. Diane's leadership. Bishop DiLorenzo asked me to return to active ministry as the Interim Director of the Office. I began in August and am honored and gratified to be serving in such a vital ministry in our diocese.

Your financial support is essential for us to continue the ministry to young adults, including college students, in our diocese. I know that our economic situation is difficult for many of you. Yet, it is in the midst of this economic situation that young men and women are turning to the Church for answers to their most important questions and seeking strength through their faith.

Your financial support will help us with ever increasing expenses for the many faith enriching opportunities for these young adults, including:

- our three annual Encounter with Christ Retreats for college students;
- our diocesan leadership development weekend for student leaders titled Empowering Catholic Campus Leaders;
- our annual Young Adult Ministry gathering;
- Summer Theologica, our parish-based seminars on Catholic topics of interest to young adults;
- Initiating campus ministry at additional colleges and universities in our diocese; and
- Building young adult ministry in new areas of our diocese.

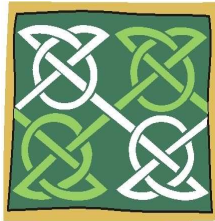
We, the young adults and college students in the diocese, are grateful for your prayers, your stewardship and your model of faithful discipleship. Be assured of our gratitude and prayers for your support this year. As a token of my appreciation, I would like to share with you a Lenten poem by +Thomas J. Grady titled Search.

Sincerely yours,

W. David Kauffman, Interim Director

WE WALK
BY

FAITH



Search

In the darkness of the tomb
a shaft of sunlight
on the collapsed shroud,
the headpiece apart.

The tomb empty,
the Lord Risen and Gone.

LENT,
a search for the Risen Lord,
for light in the darkness and emptiness
of this world.

Searching down
silent paths of prayer,
the thorny way of sacrifice,
the generous way of alms and sharing.

The search begins with ashes
but is full of hope and expectation
touched by the glory of its goal:
the Risen One.

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From *Echoes of Life: A collection of poems about spirituality and faith.*

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