

Resolution 021
A Resolution to Increase Access to Catholic Spiritual Resources
Sponsored by: Senator Foley
Co-Sponsored by: Senator Corey, Senator Curioso, Senator Ewing, Senator
Suarez, Senator Tamayo

Whereas,

Part of The Catholic University of America’s mission states that “As the national university of the Catholic Church in the United States, founded and sponsored by the bishops of the country with the approval of the Holy See, The Catholic University of America is committed to being a comprehensive Catholic and American institution of higher learning, faithful to the teachings of Jesus Christ as handed on by the Church.”¹

Whereas,

According to the Pope St. John Paul II’s Apostolic Constitution on Catholic higher education *Ex Corde Ecclesiae*, implemented by the USCCB in 1999,² “A Catholic University is to promote the pastoral care of all members of the university community, and to be especially attentive to the spiritual development of those who are Catholics.”³

Whereas,

At the start of the Fall 2021 semester, SGA began the “Welcome Home” campaign, partnering with Campus Ministry, with the hope to “increase awareness of the many opportunities to get involved in faith activities on campus, including student [organizations], sacraments, and service.”⁴

Whereas,

Campus Ministry provides pastoral care for the university community by offering Mass, prayer services, confession, and more on a daily basis. They also provide other spiritual resources including books, prayer cards, and rosaries, but there is no centralized location for all of these resources.

Whereas,

Mass, prayer service, and confession times and locations are usually advertised on a magnet that is distributed throughout all the residence halls, but that has not been done this year.

Whereas,

St. Paul’s Chapel will be closing next semester for renovation, so many of the Mass, prayer service, and confession locations will be adjusted, increasing traffic in St. Vincent de Paul Chapel.

Be it enacted that,

¹ <https://www.catholic.edu/about-us/at-a-glance/index.html>

² <https://www.usccb.org/committees/catholic-education/application-ex-corde-ecclesiae-united-states>

³ *Ex Corde Ecclesiae*, II, Art. 6, §1.

⁴ <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1aMkrpj6yya81Qhj4qWn4qS12SL5ctcQx/view?usp=sharing>

The Student Government Association Senate, acting in its official capacity as the representative of the undergraduate student body of The Catholic University of America, hereby requests:

1. The University creates and distributes magnets detailing Mass, prayer service, and confession times throughout the Residence Halls.
2. The University places a spiritual resource shelf with materials available to the university community in the entry of St. Vincent de Paul Chapel, containing at least the following:
 - a. Spiritual reading material
 - b. Prayer cards
 - c. Rosaries
 - d. Information about student organizations affiliated with Campus Ministry

Agreed to by a vote of _____ yeas to _____ nays on this date: _____ with _____ abstaining and _____ not present.

Anthony Crnkovich
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