

Resolution 028
A Resolution to Create an Interfaith Chapel
Sponsored by: Senator Henriquez
Co-Sponsored by Senator Besendorfer, Senator Kruger, Senator Musick

Whereas,

The Catholic University of America (CUA) offers a unique opportunity where students can freely practice their own faith.

Whereas,

CUA offers five different chapels—Caldwell Chapel, St. Michael Chapel, St. Vincent de Paul Chapel, Mary Mirror of Justice, and the 24 Hour Chapel—for students to attend the Catholic Mass.¹ These chapels provide Mass at different times throughout the week to best fit the needs and schedules of the students.² The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception is also located next to campus.

Whereas,

CUA states that all students “no matter your background, your beliefs or where you’re at in your faith journey—you are welcome here.”³

Whereas,

Campus Ministry provides a list of places of worship for other religions on their website.⁴ However, these locations are located all throughout the District of Columbia. Many of them are also not accessible by Metro, rendering it difficult for students to get to.

Whereas,

There is a sizable population of students, around 20% of undergraduates, who do not identify as Catholic who would benefit from a space where they can practice their own faith.⁵

Be it enacted that,

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 that:

1. The University dedicates a space on campus for the establishment of an interfaith chapel, open to the whole student body to use.

¹ *Sacred Spaces on Campus,*

<https://ministry.catholic.edu/worship/sacred%20spaces%20on%20campus/index.html>

² *Worship Times,*

<https://ministry.catholic.edu/worship/worship%20times/index.html>

³ *Other Faith Traditions*

<https://ministry.catholic.edu/worship/other%20faith%20traditions/index.html>

⁴ *Ibid.*

⁵ *Faithfully Catholic*

<https://www.catholic.edu/about-us/faithfully-catholic/index.html>

2. The Campus Ministry website, guides, resource listings, and promotional materials be updated to include information about the new interfaith chapel.
3. Campus Ministry lists how accessible the worship connections for other faith traditions are on their website and on any guides, resource listings, and promotional materials.

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

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