

# Catholic Campus Ministry

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*“Finally, brethren, whatever is good, whatever is just, whatever is pure, what ever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.” -Philippians 4:8*

## Falling into Place at Hampden-Sydney College and Longwood University

Peace and joy to you from Our Lord Jesus Christ! My name is Cassandra Leal and I am the new Director of Catholic Campus Ministry at Hampden-Sydney College and Longwood University. The Fall Semester started off full swing with a new leadership team, incoming students and me! It has been a joyful experience filled with many graces. We had **50** students sign up from both Hampden-Sydney College and Longwood University and launched **3** Bible Studies. Tuesday Night Dinners, where we serve home-cooked meals, are always filled with laughter and fellowship between the two campuses.

Through the support of St. Theresa’s Catholic Church, we have the Blessed Sacrament present in our facility and Mass

for students, faculty/staff, and community members. God is most definitely at work!

Continue to read how the Holy Spirit is moving in our ministry and how you can help with the growth we hope to continue.

In His Love,

Kassandra Leal



### Prayer Intentions

Pray for our first Busy Person Retreat on Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Keep all those traveling over Thanksgiving and Christmas break in your prayers and for our students to continue living virtuous lives.

Pray for our students and faculty/staff.



## Installation of the Blessed Sacrament

Jesus is literally in the building! We are happy to announce that the Blessed Sacrament is present in the CCM building. It has been a great joy to see students pray between classes or after events.

This is a place where students can “choose the better portion” and be at the feet of Jesus. On top of having the Blessed Sacrament, there is **weekly** Mass on Wednesdays at 6pm. Students, faculty and staff, and local parishioners are most definitely welcome.

God is moving on these campuses and continues to invite us deeper into relationship with Him through prayer and the sacraments. The evening ends with 30 minutes of Eucharistic Adoration.

**“Daily Mass on campus is such a blessing to be able to partake in. In all the chaos that is happening during each week, Mass allows me to have the opportunity to take 30 minutes to sit, quiet my mind and have time to turn my focus to the Lord. It’s also great that it’s so accessible so that you have no reason not to go!”**

-Bridget Davis, Class of 2022



Longwood students volunteering and setting up for Oktoberfest, where we fundraised \$100 for the Starfish Project. They handed out free St. Joan of Arc stickers.



Hampden-Sydney and Longwood students early on a Saturday morning walking to support life at the Walk for Life Rally.



CCM’s second Women’s Group Night where women come together and share their faith and learn how to be who they were created to be through their feminine genius.

# Catholic Campus Ministry: An Unknown Gift to Me

By Rhett Andersen, Class of 2020, Hampden-Sydney College



As a cradle Catholic, I have been familiar with my faith from a very young age. However, I just recently started getting active in it this past summer. When I got back to school, I began attending CCM and noticed that it became the highlight of my week. I am a collegiate football player and have many responsibilities on my plate. With the little time between school and football, I have to prioritize what is important to me. Going to CCM has been that priority. I enjoy the fellowship and the structure it provides in my life. I always leave there feeling better than I did when I came in, no matter how my day went.

My friends at CCM have[...] become some of my closest friends[...]. CCM also gives me structure in my life. We've talked about the importance of virtues and what they mean and I really try to live out what we talk about. I also feel like I have grown closer in my relationship with God and have learned to trust him more. When bad things happen, whether it is in sports or school, I do not get discouraged. CCM has made me turn to Christ and turn away from fear and doubt. I feel confident and loved in the environment. It is place I can go to discuss not only my problems, but help others out who are struggling as well. Overall, the mood of the group is very positive and uplifting in a world that seems to be in a struggling depression. I feel like going to CCM has made me a light in this dark world. It has made me think of others before myself and what I can do to serve, not be served.

Please prayerfully consider making Catholic Campus Ministry at Hampden-Sydney College and Longwood University a philanthropic priority in your life. With your spiritual and financial support, we are able to invite more students into a covenantal relationship with God and journey with them as they grow in their Catholic Faith.

You can make a one-time fit or sign up to be a member of our Living Faith Society by making a monthly gift to CCM. You can give electronically by visiting [www.farmvilleccm.org](http://www.farmvilleccm.org)

Checks can be mailed to Farmville Catholic Campus Ministry; 114 Midtown Ave; Farmville, VA 23901 and made out to "Catholic Campus Ministry Longwood Hampden Sydney Colleges."

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\$50: pays for one Tuesday Night Dinner

\$200: allows for a month of free Tuesday Night Dinners

\$500: furnishes our facility with bookcases and Bibles and Catechisms

\$1400: can send 10 students to Camden, NJ for our Alternative Spring Break Trip

Thank you for your generosity and prayers!  
Please know that we are praying for you.

Top Right:

CCM takes a hike out to Crabtree Falls with Fr. Patrick. He celebrated Mass with a breathtaking view. Students loved getting to know each other out of their normal campus context.



Bottom Right:

Seminarians, David Arellano and Charles Palmer, visited CCM. Students were able to ask them questions about their lives and vocation. The men enjoyed a free dinner and time to hang out with their brothers!



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