

# FARMVILLE CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY NEWSLETTER

Hampden Sydney College and Longwood University



**BACK TO  
SCHOOL BBQ!**

START THE FALL SEMESTER  
WITH STUDENTS FROM  
CHRISTIAN ORGANIZATIONS  
ON CAMPUS!

**08.20.23 @ 5:30 pm**  
303 Griffin Blvd.  
(Behind Stubbs)

**Kicked off the year with a  
BBQ with the other  
Christian groups on  
campus**



**One of our student leaders  
attended World Youth Day  
this summer in Portugal.**



## Fall Retreat

Nine of our students attended our Fall Retreat. Our retreat was with the Campus Ministries of the Lynchburg and Lexington areas. Led by Fr. Chris Masla our students spent part of their weekend in fellowship with one another, while contemplating where God has been with them on their faith journeys. Fr. Chris showed the students many different ways to see God working in their lives and how they can always be on the lookout. As one student said about the weekend, “my favorite was when the priest was talking about his own retreats.”



**Halloween Bonfire,  
hosted by our  
Hampden Sydney  
advisor, Lisa Burns**



**A Tuesday  
evening with our  
Chaplain, Fr.  
Chris and  
Longwood  
Advisor, Dr.  
Blincoe.**

Come to Longwood's 1st  
Faculty Forum on Faith!

A conversation on faith and work, featuring:



Coach Griff Aldrich  
LU Athletics



Prof. Patti Carey  
LU Business



Prof. Chene Heady  
LU English and Lit.



Prof. Mike Utzinger  
HSC Religion



Prof. Richard Burke  
HSC Political Science

Monday, Sept. 18th, 6 pm  
Johns Memorial Church, Parish Hall

Dinner provided!

To ensure we have enough food, please RSVP at  
<https://fallfacultyfaithforum.anrsvp.com>

**Took part in a  
Faculty Faith  
Forum with other  
Christian  
organizations on**



I am Fr. Chris Hess. I moved to Farmville last summer from Bristol, VA, where I spent five years as the pastor of a church and school. This is my third assignment as a pastor. I am excited to be here in Farmville to take on new challenges. I am especially excited to be working with campus ministry. I'm looking forward to working with the students to grow this ministry.

I grew up on the coast in Virginia Beach. I was ordained in 2012 and I am a second career priest. Prior to entering seminary I was working as a paramedic and firefighter. I spent a combined seventeen years working in fire/EMS. I bring a lot of unique experiences to my ministry.

I also love spending time outdoors. I do a lot of hiking and when I can, camping. I also spend a lot of time fishing and kayaking. My best friend is a Bluetick hound named Skillet who loves to join me on some of these adventures. I would love to find a way to incorporate some of this into campus ministry, since there are so many opportunities for these activities in this area.



### **Our chapel where we offer weekly Mass and Reconciliation**

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