As the nation’s oldest Catholic and Jesuit university, Georgetown lives out John Carroll’s legacy by calling all members of the university community – regardless of religious traditions – to integrate their faith and learning, and to share their gifts with all of the world, especially the materially poor and the marginalized.

Thankful for YOU

Thanksgiving is the appointed time for focusing on the good in our lives. In each of our days, we can find small blessings, but too often we overlook them, choosing instead to spend our time paying attention to problems. We give our energy to those who cause us trouble instead of those who bring peace.

Starting now, let's be on the lookout for the bits of pleasure in each hour, and appreciate the people who bring love and light to everyone who is blessed to know them. You are one of those people.

On Thanksgiving, I'm thankful for you.
Happy Thanksgiving!

By Joanna Fuchs

I would like to wish you and your families a very blessed Thanksgiving holiday. As we gather this day, let us give thanks to God for all of his wonderful gifts. Please remember in your prayers our brothers and sisters around the world and here in our own country who are less fortunate.

Fr. Sal Jordan, S.J.

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On November 16, 1989, six Jesuits, their housekeeper and her daughter were murdered in the middle of the night at the University of Central America (UCA) in El Salvador's capital city. The Jesuits were targeted by a government death squad. In a decade-long civil war, the Jesuits of the UCA and their colleagues were ardent defenders of human dignity and persistent proponents for reconciliation and peace among warring factions in the country.

As a Catholic university in the Jesuit tradition, Georgetown marks this 25th anniversary of the death of the Salvadoran martyrs by reflecting on the university's role as a prophetic voice in society. We consider what it means to educate for justice and grow in faith built on solidarity with the most poor and vulnerable.

After mass we will bless the rose garden memorial in Dahlgren Quad, with a reception to follow.

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A Prayer of Thanksgiving

We are gathered here as Your family, Oh Lord. As a family of faith and love, we give You thanks. As your guests at the table of life, we are grateful that You have set a place for us. As your children, we strive to follow You in all that we do. As servants to Your will, we acknowledge the gift of Your understanding and mercy. As Your stewards, we are filled with wonder in the presence of Your mighty deeds and accept our responsibilities in Your service. As Your heirs, we are humbled by the bounty You have given us, for each beat of our heart and each breath that we draw is ours only through Your grace. And, as Your family, we shout Your name and give You all glory and honor, praise and thanks. Amen.
Looking to Volunteer Some Time This Thanksgiving?
Here are some ideas...

The Holiday Project… http://www.holidayproject.info/
Bringing the Spirit of a Holiday to those who otherwise might not have a Celebration.

Capital Area Food Bank… http://www.capitalarenfoodbank.org/
“To feed those who suffer from hunger in the Washington metro area.”

SOME (So Others May Eat)… http://some.org/
Trot for Hunger – 8:30 a.m. at West Potomac Park. 5K run and family walk that benefits programs for homeless children, men and women.

Food and Friends:… http://www.foodandfriends.org/site/pp.asp?c=ckLSI8NNIdJ2G&b=7565475
“To foster a community caring for men, women and children living with HIV/AIDS, cancer and other life-challenging illnesses.”

Bread for the City:… http://www.breadforthecity.org/
“Provide vulnerable residents of Washington, DC with comprehensive services, including food, clothing, medical care, legal and social services in an atmosphere of dignity and respect.

Washington DC Jewish Community Center:
Help us make Thanksgiving meals for those in need at local community kitchens transitional housing facilities and homeless shelters.

Fr./Dr. Duffy Speaks To Medical Students on How They Might Pray

On October 21, Fr./Dr. Duffy, Associate Dean for Clinical Education, gave a talk to approximately 40 medical students on how they might be able to pray throughout the preclinical and clinical years. A graduate of Georgetown School of Medicine himself, Fr./Dr. Duffy spoke from his own experience on how one can balance the demands of both medical school and clinical practice while still striving to develop a fruitful spiritual life. Highlights of the talk included specific advice given to students on how to maintain dynamic spiritual life with emphasis on the Lectio Devina and Ignatian examination of consciousness. We as a community feel extremely lucky to have such a wonderful example of Cura Personalis hard at work in Fr./Dr. Duffy. This talk was co-sponsored by the Georgetown Group and the Catholic Medical Association.
Second year is tough. The honeymoon phase wore off shortly after orientation as I began to realize the incredible amount of knowledge I need to try to fit inside my head to develop the foundation necessary to give Step 1 my best effort and make my way onto the wards next year.

However, along with the challenges that come from spending nearly every spare moment studying, I have received some powerful reminders of why I make my way over to GA2/4 for lecture every morning. These reminders come in the form of immigrants struggling to get on their feet, veterans unable to find work, and people suffering from severe mental illness. We share many of our Saturday mornings together at a homeless shelter in downtown DC as part of my Ambulatory Care clinic assignment. This opportunity has allowed me to work in the community alongside a physician who empowers me to feel like a vital part of the healthcare team, and it has been one of the most formative parts of my medical education thus far. At the clinic, I learn how to listen to – and really hear – some of the most underserved people in our community. Their stories bring what I learn in lecture to life, while helping me maintain the human connection that drew me to medicine in the first place. I am thankful for this glimpse into the true meaning of Cura Personalis as I continue on the road toward becoming a physician, and I am thrilled for the rest of the journey.

Michael Horsley is an M2 student leader of the Georgetown Group this year. Having grown up in the D.C. area and attended Jesuit high school, I have been thrilled to once again study under the auspices of Jesuit education while fulfilling my lifelong goal of participating in medicine. I have especially loved the many opportunities for pursuing Social Justice that Georgetown Med offers, most notably volunteering at the Hoya Clinic and embarking on the Health Justice Scholar Track. Both of these, as well as the Mind and Body class, have convinced me that the Jesuit ideals of Cura Personalis are not only alive, but also thriving in the Georgetown Med Community.

Though I have found the material in the M2 year to be more difficult than M1, the many clinical correlates that the M2 year offers has been extremely stimulating and even further confirmed my sense that I am meant to practice medicine. I am especially thankful for my fellow students who continue to provide both academic and emotional support, both of which have been absolutely necessary for me to endure what can seem like the never-ending onslaught of facts required for success as a physician. With their support, and that of the faculty mentors, I feel very well prepared to continue learning medicine directed towards care of all aspects of the individual person at my dream school.
Georgetown University School of Medicine
Has a
Catholic Medical Association Student Section

Brothers and Sisters:

We are excited to announce that Georgetown University School of Medicine has just become one of the newest medical schools with an official Catholic Medical Association Student Section (CMA-SS). The Catholic Medical Association is a physician-led community of healthcare professionals that informs, organizes, and inspires its members, in steadfast fidelity to the teachings of the Catholic Church, to uphold the principles of the Catholic faith in the science and practice of medicine.

This new interest group, as part of the national CMA organization, will strive to support our students who offer witness to Truth and Joy by living out the Catholic faith in the care of patients and the practice of medicine. We are very excited about the growth of the CMA-SS here at GUSOM and the many upcoming opportunities it may produce!

Prayer: The officers of the CMA-SS pray for you daily! If you have a prayer request, feel free to send us an email so we can pray for your intentions at cathmed.georgetown@gmail.com.

Community: We are blessed to have over 19 CMA-SS chapters throughout the country! The local Washington DC CMA Guild of Physicians has expressed interest in connecting with the Georgetown Student group soon. More details will emerge soon.

Education: Take advantage of the opportunity to join us at some upcoming lunchtime talks. Topics include legal foundations for the protection of conscience in healthcare, natural family planning, fertility medicine and NaPro Technology, a Christian anthropology applied to medicine, and the pursuit of Truth as a Catholic scientist. Also, feel free to explore some of the valuable resources available to students at http://cathmed.org/students/. Opportunities to attend conferences and seminars can also be found at this site.

If you have any ideas for ways we can better serve you and your fellow medical students, please feel free to contact us, your Georgetown CMA-SS group, at cathmed.georgetown@gmail.com at any time.

Peace in Christ,
Jack Lally and Monika Potocki
Did you know…that the SOM Campus Ministry Office Hosts…

Theology on Tap

Theology on Tap is a speaker series that takes place at the Medical School. The program focuses on topics of faith and contemporary issues that directly affect the lives of medical students. It’s a great place for students to learn about and discuss their faith in a relaxed social setting. Dinner is served.

Retreats

GUMC Ignatian Retreats are held at Loyola on the Potomac is located 35 miles southeast of the city of Washington, in Charles County, Maryland. The Retreat House was founded by the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) in 1958. Situated on high bluffs overlooking the Potomac River, it is surrounded by 235 acres of rolling hills. Retreatants have access to a small fitness room, bookstore and hiking trails. Weekend retreat scholarships available through the kindness of a benefactor. For more information, contact Father Sal Jordan (srj35@georgetown.edu).

Open House

Camps Ministry hosts an “Open House” in the Fall and Spring Semester. It’s a time to come and have lunch with your fellow students, faculty and staff. All are welcome and each event has a different menu. All Open Houses begin around 12:45 and last until the food is gone!!

Mardi Gras Celebration

Mardi Gras is French for "Fat Tuesday", reflecting the practice of the last night of eating richer, fatty foods before the ritual fasting of the Lenten season. Each year, Campus Ministry hosts this event with wonderful food, great music and of course a great time to socialize with your fellow students, faculty and staff. Location and more information to follow!!