



MISSION MATTERS

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Quote of the Month:

"Remember when you leave this earth, you can take with you nothing that you have received - only what you have given."
- Saint Francis of Assisi

CATHOLIC Q&A

Why are there so many types of Franciscans?

Click [here](#) for the answer

INTERFAITH CALENDAR

Click [here](#) for more information

- 10/02: Rosh Hashanah begins - *Judaism*
- 10/03: Navaratri begins - *Hinduism*
- 10/04: Feast of St. Francis - *Christianity*
- 10/08: Durga Puja - *Hinduism*
- 10/11: Yom Kippur - *Judaism*
- 10/12: Dusshera - *Hinduism*
- 10/16: Sukkot begins - *Judaism*
- 10/18: St. Luke - *Christianity*
- 10/31: Diwali - *Hinduism*
- 10/31: All Hallow Eve - *Christianity*



Campus Ministry Events for October

CAMPUS MINISTRY IS NOW ON INSTAGRAM!
COME FOLLOW US! ALL ARE WELCOME!

<https://www.instagram.com/villamariacampusministry/>

FELICIAN FRANCISCAN HERITAGE DAYS

Tuesday, October 1: Special edition of *Mission Matters Monthly!*

Thursday, October 3: Liturgy for the Feast of Saint Francis Eve, 11:15 am in college chapel.

Friday October 4: Feast of Saint Francis Day of Service.

Monday, October 7: Heritage Speakers - Daniella Hermon: Human Trafficking in Cambodia, Dr. Kim Kotz: Feed My Starving Children, 11:15 am in auditorium.

Wednesday, October 9: Community Celebration Day in the Dining Commons, free cake and ice cream, Heritage trivia games with prizes, 11:15 am.

Thursday, October 10: Feast of Blessed Mary Angela Prayer Service, 11:15 am in college chapel.



JOIN US FOR BIBLE STUDY IN CAMPUS MINISTRY
OCTOBER 1, 8, 22, 29 @11:15 AM
OPEN TO STUDENTS AND STAFF

An Instrument of Your Peace: Saint Francis of Assisi

By Daniel Harrell

Francis lived in an era, like so many, where greed and political power contaminated the church. Christianity became so entangled with culture that it lost all of its bite and ability to inspire anything more than jaded indifference from the pews. Into the midst of this Francis walked, radically committed to a simplicity and humility so stark and so engaging that people could not help want a piece of it. The gospel takes on irrepressible power whenever Christians actually live it out. As one contemporary put it, because of St. Francis, "men and women, rich and worldly renounced possessions and, for the love of Christ, turned their backs on the world." Francis and his Franciscan adherents ignited an enormous, widespread religious revival. "Start by doing what's necessary," Francis said, "then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible."

Typically the image that comes to mind when thinking of St. Francis is either some ceramic lawn ornament or that of a docile, sprouts-eating peacenik, clothed in hooded burlap and Birkenstocks, playing with the birds and padding about in flowered fields—just praising God for the sunshine. True, Francis did wear hooded burlap (or something close to it). And he was a peacenik. "While you are proclaiming peace with your lips," he said, "be careful to have it even more fully in your heart." Click [here](#) for the full article.

Feed My Starving Children Food Pack Event:

Live Solidarity With People in Need by joining a Villa group to help pack meals sent to Third-World countries around the world. The event will take place at WELLbuffalo Church, 995 Dodge road, Getzville NY on **Friday, October 25 from 1-3 pm**. Sign-up sheets are posted at the VP for Mission office located off the lobby of the Main Building. The first 25 who sign up will be assured space in the Villa vans. Meet in the lobby by 12:15 pm. For more information contact monnind@villa.edu. **Thank You!**

OUR CORE VALUES

Respect for Human Dignity



Compassion



SOLIDARITY WITH PEOPLE IN NEED



Transformation



Justice and Peace

2024-2025 Focus

Solidarity With People in Need Learning About Diversity through Catholic Social Justice teachings

The Church's social teaching is a rich treasure of wisdom about building a just society and living lives of holiness amidst the challenges of modern society. Modern Catholic social teaching has been articulated through a tradition of papal, conciliar, and episcopal documents. The depth and richness of this tradition can be understood best through a direct reading of these documents. In these brief reflections, we highlight several of the key themes that are at the heart of our Catholic social tradition.

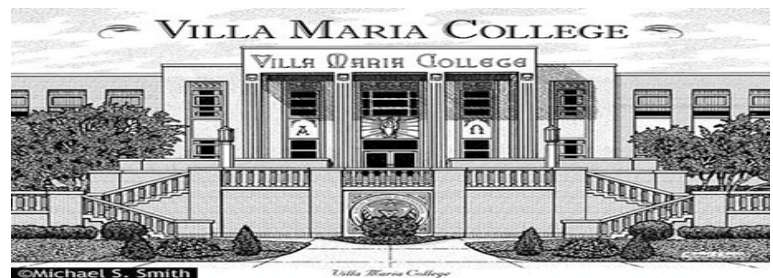
Theme #1: LIFE AND DIGNITY OF THE HUMAN PERSON

The Catholic Church proclaims that human life is sacred and that the dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society. This belief is the foundation of all the principles of our social teaching. In our society, human life is under direct attack from abortion and euthanasia. Human life is threatened by cloning, embryonic stem cell research, and the use of the death penalty. The intentional targeting of civilians in war or terrorist attacks is always wrong. Catholic teaching calls on us to work to avoid war. Nations must protect the right to life by finding effective ways to prevent conflicts and resolve them by peaceful means. We believe that every person is precious, that people are more important than things, and that the measure of every institution is whether it threatens or enhances the life and dignity of the human person. Click [here](#) to learn more. To be continued...



OUR FELICIAN FRANCISCAN HISTORY & HERITAGE TIMELINE

- 1181/1182 * Birth of Francis of Assisi
- 1193/1194 * Birth of Clare of Assisi
- 1226 * Death of Francis of Assisi
- 1228 * Canonization of Saint Francis of Assisi
- 1253 * Death of Clare of Assisi
- 1255 * Canonization of Saint Clare of Assisi
- 1515 * Birth of Felix of Cantalice
- 1587 * Death of Felix of Cantalice
- 1712 * Canonization of Saint Felix of Cantalice
- 1825 * Birth of Sophia (Mary Angela) Truszkowska
- 1855 * Founding of the Felician Sister by Mary Angela Truszkowska
- 1874 * Felician Sisters arrive in America
- 1881 * Felician Sisters arrive in Buffalo, N.Y.
- 1899 * Death of Mother Mary Angela Truszkowska
- 1961 * Founding of Villa Maria College by the Felician Sisters First President – Mother Mary Annette Guzowski
- 1965 * Laywomen admitted as students
- 1967 * Second President – Sister Mary Pachomia Lenda
- 1968 * Laymen admitted as students
- 1974 * College achieves full accreditation status
- 1978 * Third President – Sister Marcella Maria Garus
- 1986 * College celebrates 25th Anniversary
- 1993 * Beatification of Blessed Mary Angela Truszkowska
- 2001 * College celebrates 40th Anniversary
- 2005 * College awards first Baccalaureate degrees
- 2011 * College celebrates 50th Anniversary
- 2018 * Fourth President – Dr. Matthew Giordano PhD.



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