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UT-Tyler Students at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City

## July 2016 Newsletter

St. John Paul the Great Catholic Campus Ministry  
Serving the students of the University of Texas at Tyler and Tyler Junior College

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## Chaplain's Message

This past month I found myself in 5 states, two continents, and I cannot remember how many time zones, and one thing remained the same: Jesus Christ and His beautiful bride, the Church! The joy of a little holiday with my family, and the awesome opportunity to be with 2+ million young people from around the globe at World Youth Day were both restorative and faith-filled adventures that I'll remember the rest of my life. It was such a joy to see the energy and excitement of the young thirsting for Christ in Poland, stopping in churches for short visits to the Blessed Sacrament, chanting at each other as we walked our 70 miles!, and being united with Peter around the altar of Our Lord. In all of these experiences, and yes, even in my vacation, I was reminded of the immense generosity of God to give me this wonderful assignment as Chaplain to John Paul the Great. I anxiously await the return of our students in a few weeks, to continue to share

Christ with them and to invite ever more deeply into the heart of God's love in the Eucharist. Please continue to pray for us, and come support our Annual Benefit in September and learn more about the great work of Catholic Campus Ministry here in Tyler!

In Christ, through Mary,

Fr. Justin Braun



## *Catholic Campus Ministry Benefit 2016*



**Date: September 6th, 7PM**

**Location: Ornelas Activity Center, 3402 Old Omen Road, Tyler, TX**

**Keynote Speaker: Meghan Mueller, RN**

**FOCUS Director of Medical Missions**

**Please Email Dan Onderko ([dancmtyler@gmail.com](mailto:dancmtyler@gmail.com)) if you are interested in attending.**

Meghan is the director of medical missions for the Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS). After graduating with her Bachelors of Science in Nursing from Benedictine College in 2014, Meghan decided to follow the Lord's call, and served as a full time missionary on the campus of UT Tyler for two years, inviting students into relationship with Jesus Christ and equipping them for lifelong evangelization.

For the past four years, Meghan has also been taking groups of college students around the world to serve both the medical and spiritual needs of the poorest of the poor on mission. She has learned the importance of meeting Christ in all people and living the Gospel within the medical field. In her current position, Meghan is combining her passion for nursing and her desire to inspire college students to develop a medical mission department within FOCUS Missions. This new branch will provide more opportunities for college students across the country to witness and experience this way of loving and serving Christ throughout the world.

## Introducing Sam Walton- New Missionary

**Tell us a little bit about yourself:** I grew up in Bonner Springs, Kansas. I have one brother. I grew up attending a non-denominational Christian church. I attended the University of Kansas, which is where I had my conversion and decided to become Catholic.

**How did you get involved with Campus Ministry at your university?** Before I joined the Church, I had a close friend who was Catholic, and she shared a lot about the faith with me. She encouraged me to join a bible study with the FOCUS missionaries. I became Catholic on December 14th 2013 at the St. Lawrence Newman center at KU.

**What made you decide to join FOCUS?** A few missionaries encouraged me to go interview weekend for FOCUS. At that point I was not set on being a missionary, but through prayer I began to believe that this is what God wanted me to do. One of the things that attracted me most to be a missionary is that it will equip and train me to evangelize for the rest of my life, in my work place, community and my family.



**What do you think of your FOCUS team?** I am really excited about our team. Sean, who is the team director, and I are already very close friends. Kali has a ton of energy and enthusiasm for evangelization, she is fearless and is excellent at getting to know people. I think Lauren will be a great asset to our team, and she already knows the campus well.

**Besides striving for holiness and drawing people closer to Christ, what are your interests?** I especially love to run, I try to run every day. I love the outdoors, hiking and fishing. In general I love people, and enjoy getting to know them well and forming deep, meaningful friendships.



*Jodi Phillips is the Campus Minister at St. John Paul the Great Catholic Campus Ministry*

### Campus Minister's Corner

August is a thrilling time to be a part of Campus Ministry. The anticipation is almost tangible as we await the return of older college students and prepare to meet new ones. As I begin my fourth year working in Campus Ministry in the Diocese of Tyler, but my first here at St. John Paul the Great, that feeling is even more apparent! Getting to know the students who are in Tyler for the summer has greatly encouraged me, and I am excited to be a part of this ministry as it continues to grow on the UT Tyler Campus.

While this summer has been full of transition, over the past couple of months we have diligently spent our time preparing for the fall semester, paying particular attention to the first few weeks of classes. Events are being planned, outreach materials are being created, and we continue to pray for the souls we will encounter at the end of this month. In this time of preparation, and as I look forward to the busy weeks to come, I am constantly reminded of a quote by our Patron St. John Paul the Great: "Do not be afraid. Do not be satisfied with mediocrity. Put out into the deep and



let down your nets for a catch." Please pray that all of us at this ministry would take this appeal to heart, that we might continue in the great work of the New Evangelization without fear!

## Fall 2016 Schedule

### WEEKLY SCHEDULE

#### SUNDAY

Adoration and Confession: 4:45-6:00pm @ JPPII Center  
Mass: 6:30pm @ Cowan (FAC 1009)

#### MONDAY

Adoration: 9:00-10:00am @ JPPII Center  
Campus Rosary: 6:30pm @ Harvey Deck  
Monday Funday: 7:00pm, location changes

#### TUESDAY

Adoration and Confession: 4:00-5:15pm @ JPPII Center  
Mass: 5:30pm @ JPPII Center  
Christian Initiation Classes: 7:00-8:30pm @ JPPII Center

#### WEDNESDAY

Adoration: 1:00-5:00pm @ JPPII Center  
Confession: 3:15-4:45pm @ JPPII Center  
Mass: 5:30pm @ JPPII Center  
Catholic Underground: 6:00-8:00pm @ JPPII Center

#### THURSDAY

Adoration and Confession: 4:00-5:15pm @ JPPII Center  
Mass: 5:30pm @ JPPII Center  
"Your Body and God": 7:00-8:00pm @ JPPII Center

#### FRIDAY

Adoration and Confession: 11:00am-12:00pm @ JPPII Center  
Mass: 12:15pm @ JPPII Center



### Development Corner

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