

Ryerson Catholic Chaplaincy Centre

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Looking back...and looking ahead...

This year has truly been a blessing! Of course nothing is without its challenging moments, but 2008/2009 academic year has been an important one because it was a year in which students made a decision to re-vive a Catholic student presence on campus at Ryerson. It was also a year of new ventures, such as the eleven week «Alpha on Campus» or having the Archbishop of Toronto come and visit the campus. One highlight was seeing the Chaplaincy centre grow through the hard work and dedication of the current year's Catholic Student Association. We welcomed a few new team members from the Cathedral to the Chaplaincy team - Fr. Chris Cauchi and Fr. Michael Busch and look forward to seeing more of them next year.

So what *does* the future hold? Below you will find a sneak preview of next year's Catholic Student Association executive. The future of the Chaplaincy is, in part, held in their hands as they put their hearts and minds together to continue to be beacons of light on campus, radiating the good work that has already been accomplished in the world through Jesus Christ! We ask you to keep them in your prayers.

David Thurton, President, 1st Year Journalism

I would love to see the CSA become a community that supports all our students. Those who are on fire for Christ and those who are not. Those who just need the love and warmth of a family and those who need the wisdom and guidance of the church.

Favourite Quote: "I sleep not to dream but dream to change the world" (Guyanese poet Martin Carter)

Mary Kelly, Vice President-Ongoing Events, 2nd Year Radio and Television Arts

My hope for the CSA is that we will be able to become a support for those on campus who feel lost or abandoned and a place for individuals to grow, reflect and laugh.

Favourite Quote: "Life is short, Eat dessert first." Experiences in my life have made me realize that in order to live a full and happy life, you must cherish the small significant moments and indulge.

Karlene Flemming-Fortune, Vice President- Social Justice, 2nd Year Urban & Regional Planning

I would like to see greater community; it would be great to see the community grow and expand so more people can have the comfort, belonging and love that is so abundant here.

Favourite Quote: "With aspirations come great responsibility." As long as I can conceive it, as long as I see a need; I am going to take positive action and not just talk about it.

Matthew S. Cwihun, Treasurer, 3rd Year Public Administration and Governance

I would like to see our work, through Christ, illustrate to the Ryerson Community the true essence of Catholicism, with the hope that we may build communal bridges in places where rivers once divided.

Favourite Quote: "Be not afraid" My favourite quote comes from Pope John Paul II who taught Catholics to be not afraid of whatever conflict the physical world places before us.

Clare O'Handley, Executive Advisor, 3rd Year Social Work

I hope that the CSA continues to help us make time for celebration as a community.

Favourite Quote: "I'm no theologian. I don't know who or what God is, only that he is a force more powerful than mom and dad put together...." Lisa Simpson

Recent Events

Chaplaincy Mass and Dinner A Celebration of the Graduates

On Sunday, April 19, 2009 the Chaplaincy held its last monthly Mass and Dinner celebration for the 2008-2009 academic year. The evening began with Holy Mass at St. Michael's Cathedral, and then we all proceeded to the Chaplaincy for a delicious and enjoyable dinner with CSA members and friends. The evening also celebrated those students who are graduating from Ryerson this spring. A lovely cake and gift were presented for the graduates as a thank you for their participation and also as a memorandum of the CSA. As a graduating



CSA member, I will always remember the Chaplaincy as a place where the Catholic Faith could be celebrated and where Catholics could come together to enrich and discuss their faith. I have learned to share that faith with others, especially as I will be leaving the university environment and entering "the real world" as the cliché goes. Thank you to all the CSA members and the executive team for all of your hard work! Keep it up!

Joanna Corriero, 4th Year Ryerson Student

Movie Night: The Passion of the Christ



On Good Friday this year, the Ryerson Chaplaincy held a screening of the Passion of the Christ (Mel Gibson) as a reflection of our faith, beliefs, and portrayal of the events leading up to the Resurrection. Afterwards, there was a brief discussion of how the movie impacted the views and beliefs of those who were present at the event. It was enjoyable and interesting to hear the perspectives of others, and the impact the movie had on the viewers. It was also informational and open to discussion different pieces of the film that the viewers questioned and did not understand. I particularly enjoyed the part of the discussion that involved the people's different views of how imagery and atmosphere was portrayed in the film. It was also interesting hearing other's reactions to the film, how it affected how they saw Jesus' life. The film elicited certain feelings and emotions at certain parts, particularly the images of Mary's meeting of Jesus as he carried the cross Overall, I enjoyed listening to how the movie enabled us to reflect and how imagery was used to portray this part of Jesus' life to the audience.

Jeremiah, 4th year Ryerson Student

Coming in May

Unless otherwise noted, events are at the Ryerson Catholic Chaplaincy Centre

Friday, 1st

- Mass: 12:15pm
 - Vespers: 3pm
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Monday, 4th

- Communion Service: 12:15pm
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Wednesday, 6th

- Chapel is open (faith sharing is cancelled)
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Friday, 8th

- Mass: 12:15pm
 - Vespers: 3pm
 - Volunteer Gathering at the Ram & the Rye (5:30 pm)
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Monday, 11th

- Mass: 12:15pm
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Wednesday, 13th

- Faith Sharing: 12:15pm (Lectio Divina)
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Friday, 15th

- Mass: 12:15pm
 - Vespers: 3pm
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Sunday 17th

- St Paul in the Square, 3pm-9pm, Yonge and Dundas Square
 - Lectio Divina with Archbishop Collins
 - Free concert by Matt Maher
 - see www.archtoronto.org for more info
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Monday, 18th

- Victoria Day: Chaplaincy Centre will be closed
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Wednesday, 20th

- Chaplaincy centre is closed for an audit
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Friday, 22nd

- Mass: 12:15pm
 - Vespers: 3pm
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Monday, 25th : Mass: 12:15pm

Wednesday May 27th:

- Faith Sharing: 12:15 pm (Rosary)
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Friday, 29th

- Mass 12:15 pm;
- Vespers 3:00 pm

God's Blessing

**May God's blessing be ours
Encircling around us, above us, within us**

**May the angel's blessing be ours
And the joy of the saints to inspire us, to cherish us.**

**May the Son's blessing be ours
The wind and the water, the bread and the stories
To feed us and remind us**

**May the Spirit's blessing be ours,
The wind, the fire, the still small voice
To comfort you and disturb you.**

**And may we bless each other -
A blessing rooted in our common pilgrimage,
The blessing of God -with-us as we continue our journey.**



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**Office Hours (May 2009): M-W-F: 10:00-5:00 pm
Tues: 1:00 - 7:00 pm (New!)
Thurs: 12:30-5:00 pm**

Chaplaincy Team: Kim Gottfried (director), Fr Michael Busch, Fr. Chris Cauchi, Alicja Wierzbicka, Karlene Flemming-Fortune

