



A Note from Fr. Michael McCormack, O.P.
Chaplain and Director

The Catholic Student Center provides the pastoral, spiritual, sacramental, and liturgical ministry of the Catholic Church to Catholic students at Dartmouth. All baptized Catholic undergraduate and graduate students comprise this ministry. Because the Roman Catholic Church is a Church of Word and Sacrament, the primary event is the celebration of the Eucharist on Sunday, and the most important celebration of the Eucharist of the year is the celebration of the Easter Vigil. Several special events took place during Lent and Easter:

Emily Esfahani-Smith '09, was initiated into the Church through the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist, and Matthew Ailey '09, was received into the Church and received the Sacraments of Confirmation and the Eucharist during the Easter Vigil:



L-R: Fr. Francis Belanger, OP, Emily Esfahani-Smith, Fr. Michael McCormack, OP, and Matthew Ailey.

Austin Kim, DMS, and Tyler Ford, '11, received the Sacrament of Confirmation during the Easter Season:



L-R: Patrick Fleming (sponsor), Austin Kim, Tyler Ford, Lauren Campfield (sponsor), and Fr. Michael McCormack, OP

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Above: A special ecumenical event took place during Holy Week: Aquinas House, St. Denis Parish, St. Thomas Episcopal Church and the Edgerton House Episcopal Student Center were joined by other Churches and Christian groups in Hanover to walk the fourteen stations of Christ from his trial before Pilate to his crucifixion and death as the procession with the Cross makes stops at various places throughout the Dartmouth Campus and downtown Hanover.



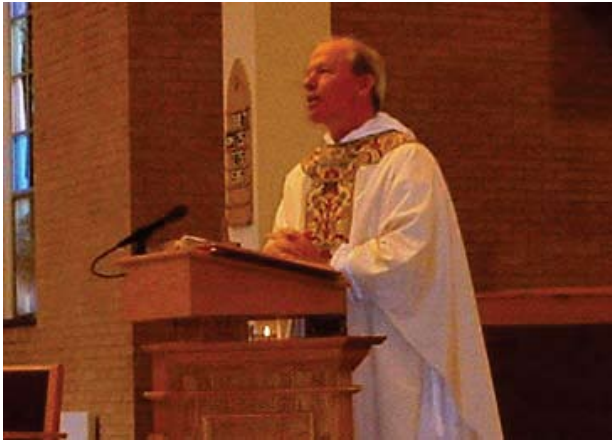
Fr. Francis Belanger leads one of the stations during the Ecumenical the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday in front of Topliff Hall. Peter Blair, '12, holds the cross.

These events highlight that Aquinas House is the place where our Catholic faith is taught, lived, and celebrated. Your continued support and prayers sustain our ministry. I am most grateful to you. Please know that you are remembered in our prayers. You are always welcome here.

Fr. Michael McCormack, O.P.

AROUND THE STUDENT CENTER AND THE DARTMOUTH CAMPUS

Saint Thomas Aquinas Celebration



Dominican Father Brian Shanley, President of Providence College, in Providence, R.I., was the principal celebrant and homilist for Mass for the celebration of the Feast of Saint Thomas Aquinas. In this annual celebration we give thanks to the Lord for the many blessings bestowed on Aquinas House, and through the intercession of St. Thomas Aquinas to pray that the Lord will continue to sustain this ministry with his love and mercy. Because St. Thomas Aquinas is the patron saint of Catholic students, it is an opportunity to have a celebration for the Catholic students!

Lecture by author Dawn Eden



Dawn Eden recounted her compelling transformation from an agnostic, rock journalist to Catholic author and blogger. She is the author of *The Thrill of the Chaste: Finding Fulfillment While Keeping Your Clothes On*, and spoke on the liberation that comes from Christian chastity and the beauty of the Catholic

teaching on sexuality. Dawn has been featured on NBC's *Today* show and EWTN's *Life on the Rock*. She has spoken about chastity to colleges and young-adult groups throughout North America, England, Ireland, and at World Youth Day 2008 in Sydney.

Students, families, and guests of the Class of 2012 were welcomed to Aquinas House for Sunday Mass during the **Class of 2012 Family Weekend** with a special breakfast reception.

Vox Christi Retreat



Discussion group at the Vox Christi Retreat: (L-R) Erica Fasano, DMS, Austin Kim, DMS, Robert Eastman '10, Christina Ackerman '10, and Megan Johnson '12

Twenty-five students attended the annual *Vox Christi* Retreat held at the Singing Hills Retreat Center, Plainfield, NH, in April. This retreat is led by students and the team leaders this year were Julian Fung '09 and Katie Karas '10, with the theme *Everyday Spirituality*.

Lecture in honor of Saint Catherine of Siena



Pius XII and World War II: A Pope in Controversy was the title of the lecture by Jesuit Father Gerald Fogarty. The wartime Pope is often accused of being silent in the face of the

Holocaust and even of being a Nazi sympathizer. Father Fogarty, the William R. Kenan Professor of the History of Christianity at the University of Virginia, offered a balanced assessment of the Pope's integrity based on his extensive archival research in the Vatican, the U.S. and throughout the world. Fr. Fogarty is the author of five books, as well as numerous articles, and was one of three Vatican appointees to the joint Catholic-Jewish commission on the Vatican and World War II (1999-2001). He is currently working on a book on Vatican-U.S. relations during the 1930's, while teaching as a visiting Professor at Fordham University.

This lecture is held in observance of the Feast of Saint Catherine of Siena, a Dominican mystic and Doctor of the Church, who lived during the 14th Century.

Funding for this lecture was from donations given in memory of Jesuit Father Edward Boyle '53 by the Dartmouth Class of 1953.



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Operation Rice Bowl: This year the AQ community participated in the Lenten solidarity program of Catholic Relief Services - *Operation Rice Bowl*. Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is the international humanitarian agency of the U.S. Catholic community. Through this program Aquinas House join in the traditional practices of Lent by praying as a community, fasting in solidarity with those who are hungry, and by giving concrete assistance to those in most need. The proceeds support the work of CRS around the world and in the local diocese.

CRS Fair Trade Program: To promote awareness and education about fair trade, Aquinas House sponsored a Fair Trade Sale in the Collis Center at Dartmouth. The sale was part of the Fair Trade Program of Catholic Relief Services (CRS), the international humanitarian agency of the U.S. Catholic community.

The CRS Fair Trade Program allows you to buy tasty chocolate, great coffee, and beautiful handcrafts. The purchases made through this fair trade sale promote human dignity and fair wages to disadvantaged farmers, workers, and artisans, by helping local farmers and artisans to earn extra income to invest in community services, such as water wells, schools and health clinics. The CRS Fair Trade Program also provides the technical and financial assistance that poor people so desperately need but so rarely get in the conventional trading system.



Mari Barbosa of Catholic Relief Services gave a presentation on fair trade. Mari is currently the Catholic Relief Services Program Officer for the Northeast Region and has worked with CRS since 2000 in the areas of peace building, human rights, and emergency response.

Catholic Relief Services is part of the universal mission of the Catholic Church and works with local, national and international Catholic institutions and structures, and other organizations to assist people on the basis of need, not creed, race or nationality.

For more information visit the Catholic Relief Services Website: <http://www.crs.org>, and the CRS Fair Trade Website: <http://www.crsfairtrade.org>.

Student Profile

Andrew Dete '09



Andrew Dete '09, spent the Winter Term of 2008 as an intern with the United States Embassy to the Holy See. He assisted in the political reporting and administration of the Embassy, and attended events at the Holy See, including Papal Masses and official state functions.

Andrew served as the President of the Aquinas House Campus Ministry Council in 2008-2009. The Council is an integral part of the ministry of Aquinas House to students. The students who comprise the council, the officers and chairs of committees that serve the AQ Community (Worship and Faith Formation, Justice and Peace, Community Life, and Outreach and Hospitality), collaborate with the Campus Ministers to plan and implement the events, programs, and outreach of Aquinas House.

He is from Marietta, GA, and a graduate of Marist High School in Atlanta. In high school, he was a captain of the football team, and played on the State Championship team in 2003 and was a two time All-State team honoree. In addition, he served as a retreat leader for annual retreats for underclassmen.

On campus Andrew was a four year starter at linebacker and captain of the football team. He is the recipient of the Class of 1948 Scholar-Athlete Award, given to one male and one female in the junior class, and was selected to the Academic All-Ivy team in 2008, and selected Academic All-American for the Northeast region in 2008. In addition, he is an active brother of Gamma Delta Chi fraternity, where he served as Community Chair. At AQ he also serves as a special minister of Holy Communion and a reader.

Andrew is majoring in economics. After graduation, he will be working for investment bank Barclays Capital in New York City, and hopes to eventually follow his academic interests into graduate school and a career in international development.

In his own words:

Aquinas House is special to me because it is the Catholic presence at Dartmouth College. It was the first place I felt at home at Dartmouth and a community in which I have been able to grow in my faith. As President, I hope to help in providing the kind of atmosphere and programming that will enable students to be active in their faith and to build up the faith community. I hope that AQ will continue to be a welcoming place with a commitment to the community of faith and service.

Aquinas House Mass Schedule for Commencement Weekend, Reunion Weekend, and Sophomore Family Weekend

Commencement Weekend

Saturday, June 13 – Graduation Mass at 5:00 PM, followed by a reception on the AQ lawn

Sunday, June 14 – Mass at 7:30 AM

Reunion Weekend

Sunday, June 21

Mass at 11:00 AM

All alums are invited to coffee and donuts after Mass

Sophomore Family Weekend

Sunday, July 26

Masses at 11:00 AM and 7:30 PM

All sophomores and families and guests are invited to a breakfast on the AQ lawn after the 11:00 AM Mass.



The Aquinas House Catholic Community congratulates and welcomes the 17th President of Dartmouth College, Jim Yong Kim, M.D., Ph.D., Chair of the Department of Global Health and Social Medicine at Harvard Medical School. Dr. Kim will take office on July 1, 2009.



Best wishes to James Wright, who is stepping down in June after 11 years as President of the College. Thank you for your support over the years!

You are remembered at Mass and in our prayers



Each Sunday a Mass intention is offered for the students and ministry of Aquinas House.

Mass intentions are offered monthly in the Aquinas House Chapel for the students and their families, living benefactors and friends, deceased benefactors and friends, living alumni and their family members, deceased alumni, and deceased family members of alumni.

Congratulations to the Class of 2009!

