

FAQ'S for Campus Ministry

1. Will I be able to attend Mass at the Chapel of Christ the King this semester?

Yes, we will continue to celebrate Sunday Mass at 10:30 a.m. and at 8:00 p.m. If we need to schedule an additional Sunday Mass to accommodate worshipers with proper social distancing, we will do so. Weekday masses will be scheduled as usual at 12:05 p.m. from Monday to Friday.

2. What will the celebration of mass this year be like?

We will be following the guidelines prepared for the Diocese of Scranton in which King's is located. Everyone will be required to wear a mask and to sit in specially marked places to assure proper social distancing. We will be able to accommodate 35 worshipers at each Mass. Everyone will need to enter the chapel through the side glass lobby doors and exit the church following the distribution of holy communion through the center doors. We will have music with an organist and a cantor, but there will be no congregational singing. It will certainly be an adjustment celebrating Mass with these regulations, but please know we will walk through them gently and guide you so that you feel comfortable worshipping with us.

3. Will I need to make a reservation to attend mass as at other churches?

No, we will not take reservations for attendance at Mass. If we reach the capacity of 35 worshipers, we will ask those remaining to attend Mass virtually in the Common Room in the chapel complex. We will assure that holy communion will be brought to those who attend Mass in that space.

4. Will I be able to drop into the office to meet with one of the campus ministers?

Throughout the College this semester everyone is requested to make an appointment for any meeting that they wish to have. Therefore, we ask that you make an appointment to meet with a Campus Minister through our administrative assistant Becky Matus (EXT. 5890), or by contacting Fr. Russ McDougall, Fr. Tom Looney, or Rob Yenkowski directly. The College will set up a virtual appointment system that Campus Ministry will use as well. You are welcome to call the campus ministry office at Ext. 5890 at any time should you want to schedule an appointment more immediately.

5. Will I be able to hang out in the campus ministry office?

We in Campus Ministry want all of you to feel at home among us. There will be room for 1 or 2 students at a time to hang out in the campus ministry office. You will need, of course, to wear a face mask, to abide by social distancing guidelines, and to make an appointment by contacting Becky Matus. And yes, we will have some limited snack items available should you be hungry.

6. Will I be able to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation?

Any Holy Cross priest on campus would be more than happy to celebrate God's mercy with you. If you wish to celebrate the sacrament, please call Fr. McDougall or Fr. Looney

directly. We will have a regularly scheduled time to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation in the confessional room at the chapel of Christ the King. In this setting everyone will be required to celebrate the sacrament from behind the confessional screen to conform to social distancing guidelines and to keep you healthy.

7. Will campus ministry be sponsoring special Prayer services this semester?

Yes, Campus Ministry will continue to offer a variety of opportunities for you to gather with other students, faculty, and staff in prayer. We will continue to offer Taizé Prayer, Eucharistic Adoration, and Lucernarium. The schedule will be posted at the beginning of the new semester. Social distancing and mask wearing will be required at these prayer services.

8. Will Campus Ministry groups such as Sisters in Faith, Campus Renew, the Knights of Columbus, and Kingsmen meet this semester?

Yes, Campus Ministry will continue to offer important gatherings for the building up of community, and the sharing of faith and spiritual matters among our students. It is possible that some of these meetings though would be conducted virtually through Microsoft Teams or ZOOM. If it is possible to arrange for space that accommodates social distancing and mask wearing, we will do so.

9. Will I be able to serve as a Lector, Altar Server, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Hospitality Minister or Cantor this semester?

It will be possible to volunteer to serve in some ministries, while others are suspended at present. You are welcome to sign on to be a lector and a cantor. The ministries of Altar Server, and Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion are presently suspended due to COVID-19. We will welcome Hospitality Ministers, who we will train, to assist with assuring that everyone who comes into the chapel has a mask and takes an appropriate seat.

10. Will Campus Ministry sponsor retreats or afternoons of prayer and reflection this semester?

Yes. We will have some short retreat opportunities and evenings of reflection. We will not be able to travel off campus, and some may end up being virtual. However, it is very important to us that you have an opportunity to share your faith journey with one another. We will continue to foster student leadership for our retreats and program opportunities.