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# BACK TO BASICS

CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND

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# KEEPING CAMPUS MINISTRY SIMPLE

LEARN MORE FROM THE TEAM AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND IN THE MARCH WEBINAR FROM CCMA: WWW.CCMANET.ORG/WEBINARS

**LISA GREEY LYTWYN IS THE COORDINATOR OF CAMPUS MINISTRY FOR CATHOLIC TERPS AT UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND.**

**1. In which ways is your ministry about going "back to the basics"?**

Five years ago, our fall outreach was an insane four weeks of constant events, announcements and invitations. Since then, year by year, we've trimmed things down. This year we piloted our riskiest move yet: Invite freshman to four things throughout the first month of school. In the March webinar, I'll share what those four things were and how this approach grew our ministry!

**2. How are small groups typically launched in the Fall?**

For the first two weeks of school, we invited everyone to our bible study launch at the second Wednesday Dinner of the semester. The launch took place during dinner (instead of after) to engage more students and it worked! 70 new students joined Bible study. Your campus may have FOCUS or you may have a different small group model but I think this idea of a big launch, early in the semester, at your weekly gathering could work anywhere!

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**3. How have students embraced a Sacramental life at uMaryland?**

The Eucharist is at the center of our campus ministry. Fr. Rob makes the sacraments available to students on a daily basis. Last weekend on our spring retreat, one of our students shared that "daily Mass, adoration and the Catholic Terps community" helped him leave the college party life and grow in relationship with Christ. He is one of many for whom daily Mass and frequent Confession has been a game-changer.

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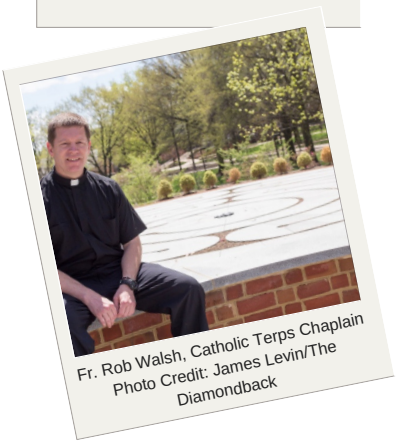
**4. Have you had any success addressing the issue of pornography?**

My co-worker Matt Aujero is leading our efforts on this. In 2013, we piloted a porn addiction recovery program for men called Fight Club. With a focus on seeing Christ, 40+ male students meet weekly and rely on PRAY (daily Prayer, Rosary, Accountability, and saying "Yes" to their pragmatic battle plan) as their guide in the fight. Group members have found huge strides in recovery, including four former members who have now entered seminary.



Fr. Rob Walsh, Catholic Terps Chaplain
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**5. What's your advice for a program that is just starting out?**

First, have a committed daily prayer and sacramental life because you can't serve relying on your own strength and ideas. Second, get to know the campus, the students and the student leaders before rolling out your plan. Finally, when you do roll out the plan, keep it simple. ***Do a few things well, rather than a bunch of things half well!***

# STUDENT FOCUS: PROMOTING MATURE DISCIPLESHIP

**DR. JIMMY WALTERS, ED.D.**

*Director of Catholic Scholars & Residence Ministry at St. John's University*

In the early Church, the Theologian and Christian writer Tertullian tells us that pagans were moved by the actions of the early Christians. “See how they love one another,” they would remark. At St. John’s University, on its Queens and Staten Island campuses, a group of 120 students known as the Catholic Scholars assume the role as leaders of faith, hopefully moving their peers to say, “see how they love one another,” and to be inspired themselves to discover the source of this love.

**Who are the Catholic Scholars?**

Created in 2012, the program invites Catholic leaders in high schools and parishes to apply in their senior year for a unique college experience that at its core is a call to discipleship. Students receive a $5,000.00 scholarship per year. Upon acceptance, they commit to four years of academic excellence, faith-based leadership, monthly formation, service in the Church, service to the poor in the Vincentian tradition, and a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ. There are three main goals to lead students to a mature discipleship:

*Identification of Gifts and Talents*

I find that college students, like all of us, are looking for a purpose. As Christians, this purpose is to love, and as a result of this love, is the call to serve. We help our students in their freshmen year identify their unique gifts and talents, and then support them to use these God-given qualities to make a difference in the lives of others over the next four years.

*A Personal Christology*

Who is Jesus Christ to you? By the time our seniors graduate, we pray they can answer this question with a greater clarity. The students are invited into conversations with a Campus Minister throughout their four years to examine this question in relation to their faith, vocations, and relationships. Seniors participate in a monthly group spiritual direction, facilitated by Campus Ministers, local religious, and theology faculty, to lead them to a more mature faith, and preparing them to return to their parishes and new vocations as college graduates.

*Christian Responsibility*

The motto of the Catholic Scholars is “You are the Light of the World (MT5:14-16).” As students are called to discipleship, this requires being leaders of hope on our campuses and in the community. Inviting students into direct service with the poor and integrating their faith with their academic majors is a responsibility for all they have been given by God, and by the University.

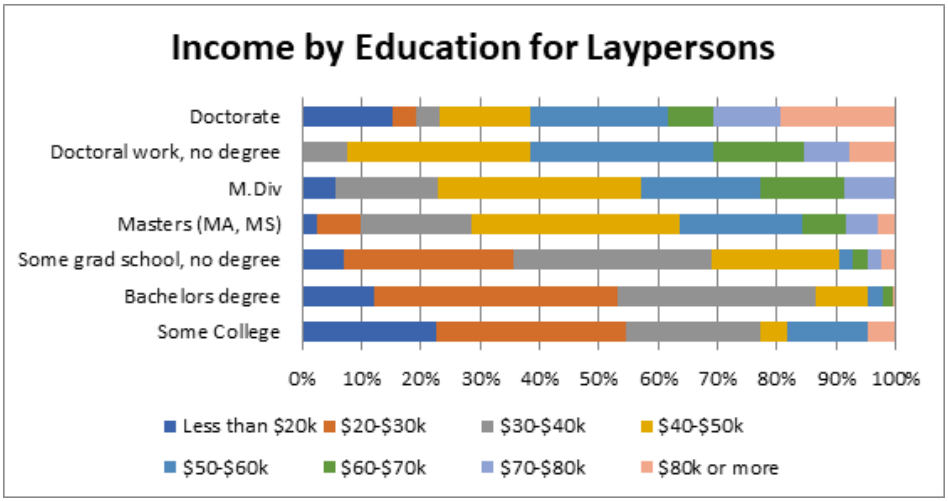
The Catholic Scholars are not limited to students in ministry within the walls of the campus Church. Nourished by the Eucharist, Scripture, and community, they are charged to leave the Church building, and lead across campus, from athletics to student life, varying in major and career aspirations. We pray that as they leave St. John’s and enter into their future vocations as better disciples of Jesus Christ.

# FINDING YOUR NEXT ROLE IN CAMPUS MINISTRY

CCMA CAREER CENTER

How long have you served in your current ministry role? How often do you feel as if you may be ready for the "next step"? Where can you look to find your next campus?

We hear these questions regularly at CCMA. What is more scarce is a set of answers to the career aspirations many campus ministers have. Consider the chart below which was gleaned from the National Study on Catholic Campus Ministry (USCCB, 2017):




As you can see, to some degree, the greater one's education, the higher his/her earning potential is.

**We recommend several websites for job searching:**

-www.nccl.org (National Catholic Catechetical Leadership)
-www.catholicjobs.com (Catholic Jobs)
-www.ccmanetwork.org/career-center (CCMA Career Center)

**Other recommended steps include:**

1. **Polish up your resume;** share it with someone you trust.
2. **Be clear about relocation;** is this something you are open to?
3. **Discern your ideal job;** where do you feel the Lord is calling to serve?
4. **Run the numbers;** how much money do you want/need to make?
5. **Get the word out;** let 3-4 people you trust know that you may be ready for a move.

Finding excellent positions in ministry takes patience and a bit of strategy.
By taking the steps above, you'll be in great shape for whatever is next in your career.

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# CALLED 2018

## THAT YOUR JOY BE COMPLETE

**MAY 29-JUNE 1, 2018**

# MINNEAPOLIS-ST.PAUL
## NATIONAL CONVENTION

Join Catholic campus ministers from around the country for the 2018 National Convention, hosted by the Catholic Campus Ministry Association (CCMA). In conjunction with the Synod on Youth, Faith and Vocational Discernment, Called 2018 will explore the call of campus ministers to make disciples and transform campuses.

- THE CALL TO EVANGELIZE
- THE CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP
- THE CALL TO MISSION
- THE CALL TO PROFESSIONALISM

*FEATURING KEYNOTES, WORKSHOPS AND MUCH MORE!*

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# ONLINE MASTERMIND GROUPS A SUCCESS

CCMA ran three online Mastermind Groups this year and they were, by all accounts, a success! These groups met for six weeks online and provided participants with both encouragement and accountability.

Here are some reactions from participants:

*"The Mastermind Program helped me begin to visualize a direction for our ministry and gave me some practical tools to actualize that vision."*

*"Mastermind groups helps me focus on my work and my heart!"*

*"As a new campus minister, I have found it tremendously helpful to be able to hear about other campus ministries and to bounce around ideas I have for the campus where I am serving. "*

**Want to reserve your spot for Fall 2018 Masterminds? Visit www.ccmanet.org/mastermind.**

# UPCOMING WEBINAR

**Date: Tuesday, March 20, 2018**

***"Saying No to Overprogramming"*** Lisa Greey Lytwyn, Coordinator of Campus Ministry for Catholic Terps at University of Maryland. She has nine years of experience in campus ministry.

**Reserve your spots today, www.ccmanet.org/webinars**

# FOOD FOR THOUGHT

**Bishop Robert Barron**

**"The Church...doesn't have a mission; it is a mission, for its purpose is to cause the merciful face of Jesus to gaze upon everyone in the world."**

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