

COLLEGE ALUMNI MINISTRY

"You have a home!"

Welcome to College Alumni Ministry, 2017-2018!

Hello, new and returning CAM members!

Believe it or not, college students begin returning to school at the beginning of this month. Right now, students are confirming jobs on campus, buying books for their classes, and populating Target aisles across the country. Those college-aged young adults who are not attending school are preparing to say farewell to their friends and bracing themselves for another season of navigating their work, living situation, and social life.

The late teens-early twenties can be challenging in many regards, particularly in terms of a young adult's relationship with God and the Church. That's where you come in.

Why are YOU- CAM members- important?

- ◆ **Prayer** "Our prayers may be awkward. Our attempts may be feeble. But since the power of prayer is in the One who hears it and not in the one who says it, our prayers do make a difference." -Max Lucado
- ◆ **You are a personal connection to the Church.** In the big ole Church, and our big ole parish, you are one person that cares for your college student *by name*.
- ◆ **You show tangible signs of love to a neglected population...** in the form of cards and care packages! You're not all talk. You're action.
- ◆ **You are a reminder of God's presence.** Sometimes, students can forget God and go a long time without thinking of Him. It can be easy to do if one is not attending Mass, involved in a faith community, or speaking to God daily in prayer. Sending something in the mail from church is a good way of saying, "We are still here. He is still here."



CAM Demand is Growing!

As College Ministry at St. Louis grows, so does the demand on CAM and the need for CAM members. To support our ministry's continued growth, Jonathan Gunner, one of our CAM members will be taking on additional responsibilities to help coordinate our prayer efforts (weekly texts and 2 holy hours) and outreach (monthly cards and care packages). His role will mostly be checking in and checking up. Since our ministry is largely non-gathered, this will be helpful in keeping you connected with our mission and in making sure no one falls through the cracks as the year goes on. A big thanks to Jonathan!



Manning the Grill at the American Cookout

Sending Cards & Care Packages



College Habitat for Humanity in Delaware

Included in this envelope are both your prayer card and a Card & Care Package Schedule. On the prayer card is your student's name, school, and year in school. The care package schedule is a suggestion of what to send your student. You do not have to stick to the schedule, however the expectation is that you have some sort of contact- even if it's a small note- every month.

Send the cards and money to the Youth Ministry Office and we will forward them to your student.

If you get a thank you from your student, cherish it! Our good work rarely receives the thanks it deserves!

IMPORTANT INFO

Fall Care Package Assembly Date October 15. Assembly and Dinner at 5pm, Holy Hour at 6pm.

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