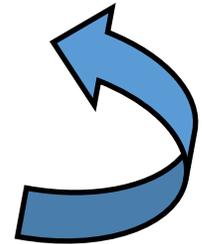


A New
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...Calls for a
New Name!



College Connection Ministry Newsletter, Spring 2018



St. Francis & St. Louis: Partners in College Ministry!

Why the new partnership? The Archdiocese of Baltimore has been undergoing a process of evaluating its parishes, their resources, and their responsibilities in order to help make changes that will enable parishes to better serve as evangelizing communities. As part of this process, St. Francis and St. Louis parishes are now considered a **pastorate**, a church community under one pastor, Msgr. Luca.

Why share College Ministry? Many aspects of our two parishes will remain business as usual; however, the staffs at the two parishes hope to share our best practices with one another to be more effective in evangelizing and serving our parishioners. St. Louis will be primarily responsible for College Ministry (18-22ish years old) and St. Francis will be primarily responsible for post-college Young Adult Ministry (22ish years old+).

Why the new name? As we expand and invite St. Francis parishioners to join us in ministering to our college-aged young adults, we wish to have a name that more accurately describes our mission— to provide personal connections and relationships for our college-aged young adults so that they always know they have a home in their Church.

Is anything else new? It is anticipated that, again, the College Connection Ministry will be business as usual. However, we do have a goal of offering a **CCM partner to EVERY student**. We have some work to do!



College Connection Ministry ROLL OUTS

MAY 5 & 6: St. Francis Invitations

During the Masses on May 5&6 weekend, CCM will have a presence at St. Francis to share about both College Ministry and CCM. If you are free to be in the narthex after the 5pm Mass on May 5 or the either the 9am or 11am Masses on May 6, please sign up online!

Your job would involve handing out business cards with our ministry's information, making conversation with those who want more information, and helping people register if they wish.

More details will be given to those who sign up!

JUNE 2 & 3: Homecoming Weekend at St. Louis

Homecoming Weekend at St. Louis, at which point we welcome HOME our college-aged young adults, will take place as usual, but one week later than is typical. Our hope is that we will miss less people by moving HC Weekend away from Memorial Day.

We will need volunteers in the narthex after the Masses to assist those who are looking to register with College Ministry or CCM and to hang out college summer calendars. Please sign up online if available!

More details will be given to those who sign up!

College Connection Website: <http://www.stlouisparish.org/ccm/>

Will you be involved with CCM next year? On behalf of our parish staff and the college-aged young adults at St. Louis, I would like to sincerely thank you for your service and attention over this past year. I hope that you have enjoyed being involved in this ministry and have found it to be meaningful! That being said, with each new year and new season, I believe it is important to re-consider your commitments. We would LOVE to have you continue your commitment to CCM, but understand if that is not the best decision for you next year. **If you DO want to remain involved in CCM, you do NOT need to re-register this year.** You will be kept on the list. If you DO NOT wish to remain involved in CCM, please email kerskine@stlouisparish.org before

Homecoming Weekend to resign. Your decision will be respected either way!

Personal News from Katie After 5 wonderful years of working at St. Louis (and 27 years of belonging as a parishioner), I am moving on to take a job in the Diocesan Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry in Dallas! More details are to be found in my email from 4/24.

I have so greatly enjoyed working with the College Alumni Ministry (we can use the old name here!) and was honored to minister alongside of you. You have been essential for the success of College Ministry and will continue to be in my prayers. Thank you for the joy you have contributed to my time here!

