



# MISSION MATTERS

## monthly



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### Blessed Mary Angela Says: (Foundress of the Felician Sisters)

*"Remember that I am always at your service; that there is no sacrifice I would not make for you. Ans that I will consider myself most fortunate if i can be of use to you in any way."*

### CATHOLIC Q&A

Jesus for beginners...

Click [here](#) to learn more

### INTERFAITH CALENDAR

Click [here](#) for more information

- 09/01: Religious year begins - *Orthodox Christian*
- 09/04: Mawlid-al Nabi Birth of the Prophet Muhammad - *Islam*
- 09/08: Nativity of the Virgin Mary - *Christian*
- 09/14: Elevation of the Life-Giving Holy Cross - *Christian*
- 09/22: Rosh Hashanah begins - *Judaism*
- 09/22: Navaratri begins - *Hinduism*
- 09/29: Feast of St. Michael the Archangel and all angels - *Christian*



### Campus Ministry Events for September:

**Tuesday, September 2:** Campus Ministry at the Club Fair in the Dining Commons from 11:15-12:15pm. Spin the Big Wheel, win prizes, sign up for Campus Ministry events!

**Friday, September 5:** Service Trip to St. Luke's Mission of Mercy Soup Kitchen 9-12pm sign-up outside VP for Mission office.

**Monday, September 8:** Bible Study in the Campus Ministry office 11:15-12:15pm students and staff welcome.

**Thursday, September 11:** Interfaith Peace Prayer Service 11:15-11:45am in front of Main Building stairs.

**Monday, September 15:** Bible Study in the Campus Ministry office 11:15-12:15pm students and staff welcome.

**Wednesday, September 17:** Opening Semester Liturgy - Mass of the Holy Spirit 11:15-12:00pm in college chapel. All are welcome.

**Monday, September 22:** Bible Study in the Campus Ministry office 11:15-12:15pm students and staff welcome.

**Friday, September 26:** 12-3pm lunch and tour of Michigan Street Baptist Church (a stop on the underground railroad) Nash Museum and WUFO studios. Sign-up outside the VP for Mission office.

**Monday, September 29:** Bible Study in the Campus Ministry office 11:15-12:15pm students and staff welcome.



### Advice to the College Student: Embrace Growth, Keep Moving

by Kyntel Hines

Choosing to go to college is a challenging decision, especially if you are like me. During my first few years of high school, I thought I knew what I wanted to pursue, but eventually, I needed clarification about my future aspirations. I did not want to continue my education after high school, but at the same time, I was still determining what I wanted to do.

All I knew was that I needed a new start. I share my experiences and insights to help you navigate this exciting, yet challenging, journey.

College, for many people, is a restart. You may want to meet new people, explore new areas, or leave home. Some people take risks and make significant changes, while others shy away from restarting.

In high school, I thought I had it all figured out: I was wrong. One of my favorite quotes is, "You don't have to know what you're doing to start doing it," said the co-founder of Apple Inc., Steve Jobs.

I thought I knew, and I started to crumble once I realized I did not. Pressure pulled me in different directions from everyone else. I realized I completely neglected myself, how I felt, and what I wanted—I was not even sure what that was.

All I knew was I wanted a different path; I wanted to be successful and break stereotypes. I am figuring my path out along the way, even to this day. It has changed many times, but I can proudly say I keep moving forward.

The key to college success is to keep moving forward and growing. There are various ways to move forward mentally, physically, emotionally, academically, spiritually and socially. There is always room for growth, and any amount of growth is better than no growth at all.

*Welcome to a new semester, a new beginning!*

## OUR CORE VALUES

*Respect for Human Dignity*

*Compassion*

**JUSTICE AND PEACE**

*Transformation*

*Solidarity with People in Need*

2025-2026 Focus

## Putting Justice & Peace Into Action

### SUPPORT THE DIGNITY ACT:

Congress recently introduced the Dignity Act of 2025 (H.R.4393), a bipartisan proposal that seeks just, humane immigration reform. The Dignity Act addresses border security, provides a path to lawful residency, and includes crucial protections for families and vulnerable individuals. Please click [here](#) to tell your members of Congress today: Support the Dignity Act to ensure our immigration system upholds human dignity and American values of welcome and opportunity.



### KEEP THE ENDANGERMENT FINDING:

The US Environmental Protection Agency is proposing to rescind the "endangerment finding." The "endangerment finding" was established in recognition that greenhouse gases threaten public health and therefore, allows the government to regulate gas emissions. The purpose of rescinding the finding is to remove regulations that limit greenhouse gas emissions for business and industry. The proposal questions the validity of climate science including those by experts in the field. The federal administration's energy agenda focuses on fossil fuel expansion. This action would remove all regulations in one action instead of weakening regulations one by one.

The EPA has initiated a 45-day comment period. Franciscan Action Network, among other Catholic groups, is participating. Action is needed now to collect signatures in opposition to this legislation.

Urgent action is needed. Include your voice by September 1st: [Endangerment Finding Comment Period EPA Endang - Franciscan Action Network](#)

## Hispanic Heritage Month 2025

Each year, Americans observe National Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15, by celebrating the histories, cultures, and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America.

The observation started in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon Johnson and was expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to cover a 30-day period starting on September 15 and ending on October 15. It was enacted into law on August 17, 1988, on the approval of Public Law 100-402

The day of September 15 is significant because it is the anniversary of independence for Latin American countries Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on September 16 and September 18, respectively. Also, Columbus Day or Día de la Raza, which is October 12, falls within this 30 day period. Click [here](#) to learn more.



## Feed My Starving Children Food Pack Event

Live Justice and Peace by joining a Villa group to help pack meals sent to Third-World countries around the world. The event will take place at WELLbuffalo Church, 995 Dodge road, Getzville NY on Friday, October 17 from 1-3 pm. Sign-up sheets are posted at the VP for Mission office located off the lobby of the Main Building. The first 25 who sign up will be assured space in the Villa vans. Meet in the lobby by 12:15 pm. For more information contact monnind@villa.edu Thank You! Click [here](#) to learn more.



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