

Dear Catholic Center Faith Community,

On behalf of the entire staff and the long standing members of the Catholic Center faith community, I want to welcome one and all to the Catholic Center's 2011-2012 school year. I want to particularly welcome those who will be arriving to the Catholic Center for the first time. I hope that you will find our tradition of hospitality to be real for you.

When I arrived at the Catholic Center in August of 2005, I was struck by the size of this campus, the great number of students who come from all parts of the world, the many buildings, the variety of departments for study and the many programs that are too many to count. I suspect that nothing symbolizes the bigness of UGA better than a Georgia Bull Dog Football Game at Sanford Stadium. When there is a victory the BIGNESS IS EVEN BIGGER.

I suspect this vast university with all of its life is what attracts so many to UGA. Still, every person has a desire for community and friendship. I trust that dorm life, apartment complexes, fraternities, sororities, class rooms and coffee houses afford all of you those special moments.

For me, one place that can really create this good space for belonging is a faith community and its belief in Jesus. Our Sunday night 5 p.m. Eucharist followed by dinners, our various gatherings for ongoing formation during the week and our outreach opportunities that minister to others can help make that space very real. This website and the Catholic Center brochure in the vestibule of the chapel outline in detail all that we offer.

As the year gets underway, we know that not every day will be a beautiful fall day at Sanford Stadium. There will be days that you will feel weary and tired. This is where the Catholic Center wants to be with you as well, perhaps at these moments more than at any time.

We look forward to being with you on your journey at UGA and we hope that your life will be enriched as you walk a journey of faith with us at the Catholic Center.

Peace and All Good,

Fr Tom Vigliotta, ofm