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UNIVERSITY MISSION AND MINISTRY NEWSLETTER

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**For all that has been, Thanks!
For all that is to come, Yes!!
~ Dag Hammerskjöld**

It has been a busy and fulfilling semester so far. Take a look at some of the highlights of late August and September in our REFLECTIONS Section. Then look for what is to come in our SAVE THE DATES, WORSHIP SCHEDULE, AND MINISTRIES sections.

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PRAYER REQUESTS

If you have intentions you would like remembered, you may submit requests [here](#).

PRAY WITH US ON MONDAYS:

Our UMM staff will be gathering on Mondays at noon for Mass in Our Lady's Chapel to pray for all intentions submitted. Come pray with us!





GIFTS! GIFTS EXTRAORDINAIRE!

An invitation from Vice President of Mission and Ministry, Sr. Walter Maher, CCVI

Gifts! Gift extraordinaire! All of us love to receive gifts - and when we receive a gift, we experience surprise, delight, joy, gratitude, awe, and wonder.

The office of Mission and Ministry extends an invitation to all of us to gather as a community on October 15, 2022, from 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM | SEC Ballroom, to receive the greatest gift of all: the gift of understanding and appreciation of the greatest gift of all: God's presence in the Eucharist.

It is because God desires us, loves, us, and gifts us, that each and every one of us has received a gift that defies description, namely, the real and steady presence of his Incarnate Son, present in the Eucharist, waiting to come and dwell in our hearts.

This indwelling of the Eucharistic Lord in our hearts is the highest form of an intimate relationship with God. In other words, implicit in God's sublime gift to us is the grace of encounter -

and since human beings can become fully human when they are "open to a fully relationship with God, with creation, and with one's brothers and sisters" (# 33), this is, indeed, a gift extraordinaire!

In order for us to fully appreciate the gift God gives us, however, it is necessary to understand it, to fully appreciate it, as Pope Francis has invited us to do in his Apostolic Letter *Desiderio desiderave*, when he said, "rediscover the beauty of the truth of our Christian celebration" (#21).

Consequently, it is necessary to be formed in liturgy and formed by liturgy because liturgy is the "source of divine communion in which God shares his own life with us" (#30) and in which we can share intimacy with God, God's creation, and all our brothers and sisters in Christ.

So, now is the acceptable time to allow the Spirit to engage us in deep reflection on the meaning and significance of the Eucharistic liturgy in and for our personal lives, as well as in the life of our University community, our state, our country, and our world.

Come! Come and accept this gift! Come and encounter our living God in and through our common silence and reflection so that you may savor the mystery of God Incarnate, made flesh and blood, and given to you -and to each and every one of us- as a sublime Eucharistic gift.

Respectfully,

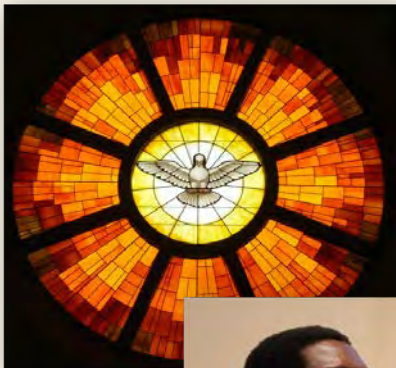
Sister Walter Maher, CCVI



WELCOME MASS

by Lorena Gutierrez (Junior, Biology Major)

The 2022 Welcome Mass for the University of the Incarnate Word students and community was held on Sunday August 21st in the Chapel of the Incarnate Word, before the first week of the new semester. “Dame Tu Paz, Señor” was the prelude song sung before Mass began. The words of the song translated from Spanish, “comfort me and heal me, O Lord” were a reminder of the theme of the Mass: to welcome Christ to our hearts at the beginning of this new school year, now and forever. This song was a prayer for our university community, for our schoolwork and our souls. It was a prayer of the constant necessity to be open to asking for and receiving the grace of God. The song especially touches on the things concealed, those things in the silence of our hearts: our troubles, hurts and wounds, doubts and fears that may plague us. [Read More](#)



MASS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

by Lena Gokelman ('85, Director of Music Ministries and Coordinator of Liturgy)

In keeping with a long tradition dating from the founding of the great European universities in the Middle Ages, the University of the Incarnate Word celebrates the Mass of the Holy Spirit at the start of each academic year. We acknowledge that we are many parts of one body, not only as an institution, but as a faith community whose mission it is to make tangible the Incarnate Word to those we meet. Together, we ask for the inspiration, guidance, and the presence of God's Spirit in all our campus activities. [Read More](#)



INTERCOLLEGIATE COMMISSIONING MASS

By *Beth Villarreal, Director of Campus Ministry*

One of the best things about being a Campus Minister, is being a Campus Minister in the collaboration between the Catholic universities* and the Archdiocesan Campus Ministries**. I have been working with my colleagues to help students find belonging, develop community, serve those in need, and grow in their faith through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ for almost twenty years.

At the beginning of each year, we gather at one of our campuses for the commissioning of our student leaders and campus ministers. This year we gathered at the St. Anthony Catholic Student Center at UTSA with Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller celebrating Mass with us, followed by a meal and fellowship.

We look forward to a wonderful year as our students collaborate for their first Intercollegiate Assembly in November and the annual Intercollegiate Confirmation Retreat and Mass in March 2023.



*University of the Incarnate Word, St. Mary's University, Our Lady of the Lake University

**University of Texas at San Antonio, Texas A&M at San Antonio, Trinity University, Alamo Colleges



9/11 SERVICE

Michelle Rodriguez, Administrative Assistant, Provost Office

- "I thought the service was very nice. I like the way all religions are included and loved the guest speaker."

Lopita Nath, Ph. D., Professor and Chair, Department of History

- "Thank you for doing this every year. It is so important to keep this in the memory of our people, so that we do not forget. I personally like the service a lot. It was beautiful. Thanks again."

Dr. Arturo Chavez, Associate Vice President for DEI

- "First, thank you so much for leading this important remembrance every year! It was a beautiful and profound service. The following were the highlights for me: kind & welcoming presence as the principle worship leader, The interfaith dimension!, The beautiful prayers, The diversity and inclusivity of readers, The powerful homily of the Rabbi, the worship guide, honoring first responders"



REFLECTIONS

SALVE RETREAT

Lorena Gutierrez (Junior at UIW)



The Salve Retreat took place September 16th-18th. As a Salve Retreat Team member and group leader, I had the great opportunity of welcoming new and old students to the Tecaboca retreat center and inviting them to reflect on their Faith journey. At the same time as I led, I stepped back from the busy school week, my work, my stresses and my anxieties. I myself felt like a retreatant all over again. And as the name indicates, “salve” meaning welcome, and the root “sav” being an ointment balm for used healing. The theme of the retreat was “Your Presence is a Gift”. I really liked how this theme had two facets from the title that we discussed. [Read More](#)



UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE

*By Bishop Trevor D. Alexander,
Protestant Chaplain & Adjunct Faculty*

On Wednesday, September 21, we celebrated the United Nations International Day of Peace. The UN General Assembly instituted September 21 as a day for warring countries to enact a cease-fire, a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, and non-violence, for at least 24 hours.

We are living in an era where there are conflicts springing up all over the globe. The idea of having a day devoted to peace and non-violence sounds good in theory, but it must be extended beyond theory to practice. Achieving peace is never easy! [Read More](#)



MEET THE MISSION

Coach Cunningham

- *"We are grateful to have the chance this morning to help out with Incarnate Word's MTM tradition. The men's basketball team volunteered at the Headwaters Sanctuary, a wonderful place which serves as yet another example of the Sisters' incredible work and legacy. We put fencing there to help a new garden of native grasses take root and flourish. We are eager to the UIW community and city enjoy this new feature of the Headwaters Sanctuary'.*



UIW Men's Basketball Team at the Headwaters Sanctuary

Lorena Gutierrez (UIW Junior)

"Meet the Mission' service day was a great opportunity to stop and look outside the walls of our campus and into San Antonio to wholeheartedly serve. It was also fun working as a team with fellow students and classmates to volunteer lending a helping hand where needed together. Cardinals left the nest and worked to brighten up the day of organizations, elementary schools and the city community. I had a fun day volunteering, and I am reminded of the goal of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word, whose mission was sacrifice, service and love of God and neighbor"



UIW Students at Barkley-Ruiz Elementary School



THE LORD WHO WISHES TO GIFT US by Fr. Roger Keeler

On the 24th of November, 2013, just eight months after he was elected Bishop of Rome, Jorge Bergoglio, known to us as Pope Francis, issued the first major document of his papacy, an Apostolic Exhortation, entitled *Evangelii Gaudium* (the Joy of the Gospel). It was, in a very real way, typical of an Apostolic Exhortation in that it was the fruit of a Synod of Bishops ("The New Evangelization for the Transmission of the Christian Faith," 7th to the 28th of October, 2012). Yet, rather than being something of a summary or reportage of that Synod, the Holy Father strikes out on his own, in an accessible, engageable style, to set out his "own concerns about this particular chapter of the Church's work of evangelization" (*Evangelii Gaudium* [=EG], §16). The Exhortation has, as the Holy Father expresses it, "programmatic significance and important consequences" for the Church of today and tomorrow (EG, §25).

Yet, with a hint of irony and wry humor, Pope Francis noted: "I am aware that nowadays documents do not arouse the same interest as in the past and they are quickly forgotten" (EG, §25). [Read more](#)

October

For details and a complete listing of all our events, please see our [UMM Events Calendar](#)

Blessing of the Animals

**Tuesday Oct. 4, 2022 5:30 p.m. University of the Incarnate Word, Grotto
4301 Broadway, San Antonio, TX 78209**

Just West of the Student Engagement Center!




Bring your Pets!

On the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi who loved all, prayer in solidarity with our immigrant brothers and sisters, and also the Franciscan traditional Blessing of the Animals.

Please bring your animals, live and stuffed!

Free Parking after 5 p.m.

Contact: Sr. Martha Ann Kirk kirk@uiwtx.edu and Dr. Darlene Carbajal and their students.



Heritage Week 2022

For more information, contact Brenda Dimas @ dimas@uiwtx.edu or (210) 829-3128.



Each year the University of the Incarnate Word celebrates Heritage Week; a time to pause, reflect on the communal call of the University flowing from “Our Lord Jesus Christ suffering...” The legacy of the past informs who we are now and invites us to contemplate the future.

October 5 (Wednesday) @ 8 a.m. |

Heritage Day Remembering Ceremony- Cemetery Ritual (CCVI Cemetery - behind the Chapel of the Incarnate Word)

October 5 (Wednesday) @ 2 p.m.

Employee Recognition Ceremony (Chapel of the Incarnate Word)

Heritage Day ceremony honoring UIW Employees at the Chapel of the Incarnate Word. You are invited to attend a Reception immediately following at the SEC Ballroom from 3:00-4:00PM. Event sponsored by Human Resources.

October 5 (Wednesday) @ 6 p.m.

Lectio Divina (AD155)

Join us as we meditate on Scripture readings and prayer as a means to communion with God. We seek guidance from the Holy Spirit as we contemplate and discern on the readings to gain perspective of what God is asking of us on our journey.

October 6 (Thursday) @ 12 p.m.

Heritage Day Mass (Our Lady's Chapel)

You are cordially invited to participate in our 2022 Heritage Day Mass on Tuesday, October 6th @ 12:00 noon in Our Lady's Chapel. Our Heritage Day Mass is an opportunity to remember with gratitude the foundation of the University by the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word and recommit ourselves to our mission values.

October 6 (Thursday) @ 5 p.m.

Heritage Day Meet & Eat with the Sisters (CCVI Heritage Center)

Agapao Ministries invites the UIW community to gathering for a tour of the Heritage Center and a meal. For more information, contact Rozlyn Bermea at rbermea@uiwtx.edu. Register Here

October 9 (Sunday) @ 10:30 a.m.

2nd Sunday Mass (Chapel of the Incarnate Word)

Join the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word as they celebrate Mass the second Sunday of the month at the Chapel of the Incarnate Word. Click [here](#) for more information on prayer and worship with the CCVI Sisters.

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Ministry Reflection Day

New to UIW? Returning? If you are interested in getting involved in the ministerial and liturgical life of your campus community, join other members of the UIW community – students, faculty, staff, and community members – who share your interests. This time together is an opportunity to grow in your faith as it pertains to your ministry here on campus! This reflection day is for all University Mission and Ministry (UMM) ministries. It's also free and lunch will be provided.

THE EUCHARISTIC LITURGY AS GIFT

The Eucharistic Liturgy is a Gift to us. Jesus Christ invites us into accompaniment, hospitality, and encounter in Word and Eucharist. We are formed, through symbol and music, into the Body of Christ in the world.



October 15, 2022
9am - 12:30pm

University of the Incarnate Word, Student Engagement Center Ballroom

In-person, **FREE**

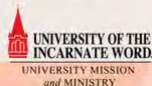
Lunch provided with
RSVP by 5pm October 10



Scan below to **register**:



Questions?
Contact us:
ministry@uiwtx.edu
(210) 829-2736



Speaker:

Dr. Dolores Martinez



EL REGALO DE LA EUCARISTIA LITURGICA

La Liturgia Eucarística es un Regalo. Jesucristo nos invita al acompañamiento, a la hospitalidad, y al encuentro con su Palabra y la Eucaristía. El símbolo y la música nos convierten en el Cuerpo de Cristo en el mundo.



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En persona, **GRATIS**

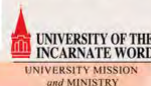
Almuerzo proporcionado con
RSVP antes de las 5pm del 10 de octubre



Regístrate escaneando el código QR:



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Presentadora:

Dr. Dolores Martinez



Monthly Memorial Mass

October 30 (Sunday) @ 11 a.m. | Monthly Memorial Mass (Our Lady's Chapel)

Once a month we remember our recently departed alumni, faculty, staff, friends, family, Sisters of Charity, and benefactors of the University of the Incarnate Word during our 11 a.m. Sunday Eucharist in Our Lady's Chapel.

The link for the OCTOBER Memorial Mass will open September 26 and close on Monday, October 24 at the end of the day.

Submit names [here](#)

For more information, please contact Lena Gokelman or Carmen Aguilera at ministry@uiwtx.edu.

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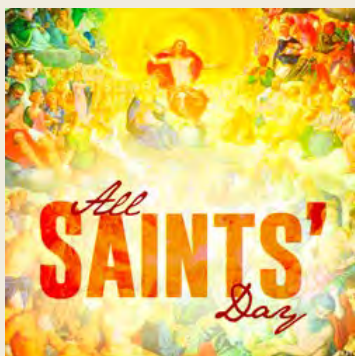
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UIW Community Offrenda | October 25 - November 18

For many years we have commemorated Dia de los Muertos with a beautiful ofrenda near the chapel, decorated with symbols and signs of the season, skulls and skeletons (reminding us that death is just a part of life), and most importantly, with pictures of those whom we wish to remember, learn about, and celebrate the lives of our loved ones.

An ofrenda will be set up on Tuesday, October 25 in the hallway leading to Our Lady's Chapel. It will remain set up until November 18. To learn how you can participate in the preparation leading to the celebration of All Saints' and All Souls' Day [go to our website](#)



November 1 (Tuesday) | All Saints' Day Masses

12 p.m. (Our Lady's Chapel)

6 p.m. (Chapel of the Incarnate Word)

The Solemnity of All Saints, a holy day of obligation, commemorates all those whom we believe are in Heaven. Many saints are known to us but even more are known only to God and those who knew them well on earth. This day we honor them all. For more information, please contact Lena Gokelman or Carmen Aguilera at (210) 832-3207 / ministry@uiwtx.edu (Our Lady's Chapel) or Sr. Mary Henry at (210) 828-2224 / mary.henry@amormeus.org (Chapel of the Incarnate Word)



November 2 (Wednesday) | All Souls' Day / Día de los Muertos

12 p.m. (Our Lady's Chapel)

November 2nd, All Souls' Day, commemorates the departed faithful to whom we have traditionally referred to as being in Purgatory. They are being purified on their way to Heaven and are helped by our prayers. Mass will be held at 12:00 noon (Our Lady's Chapel). We are in spiritual communion with the Saints and the faithful departed and realize this in the celebration of every Eucharist. For more information, please contact Lena Gokelman or Carmen Aguilera at (210) 832-3207 / ministry@uiwtx.edu

Women of Faith Luncheon

Friday, November 4, 2022 at 12:00 pm

The Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word of San Antonio were founded over 150 years ago by Sr. Madeleine Buisson, Sr. Pierre Chiquin, and Sr. Agnes Buisson in response to the call from Bishop Claude Marie Dubuis in 1869. Their ministry led to the foundation of Incarnate Word College which is now the University of the Incarnate Word. The student led ministry, Agapao Ministries through University Mission & Ministry and the Alumni Association are collaborating to host our annual UIW Women of Faith Luncheon.

The Women of Faith Luncheon invites all women and men of faith - alumni, faculty, staff, students, and CCVI Sisters to gather for a luncheon, highlighted with a speaker, prayer and fellowship. Our luncheon will be held Friday, November 4, 2022 at 12:00 pm in the Grossman International Conference Center Ballroom as a part of the university homecoming celebrations. This year's guest speaker is Sr. Yolanda Tarango, CCVI, the first re-elected Mexican-American Sister as General Superior for the Congregation of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word. [Click here for Ticket Information](#)

Agapao Ministries
presents
UIW Women of Faith Luncheon



Strengthening the bond between the women & men
of Incarnate Word through our heritage & faith.

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November 6 (Sunday) | Alumni Memorial Mass 11 a.m. (Chapel of the Incarnate Word)



We cordially invite current students, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends of the University of the Incarnate Word to attend our annual Homecoming-Alumni Memorial Mass on Sunday, November 6 at 11 a.m. in the Chapel of the Incarnate Word. We gather and remember our past - especially those who have given much to make our university what it is today - as well as to pray for those who, today and in years to come, will continue to live the mission and legacy of our founding Sisters of Charity. This annual remembrance of our departed alumni and Sisters concludes with a brief prayer in the Sisters' cemetery.

If you have a loved one you would like to have remembered during the Mass, please call or email Dr. Lisa McNary at (210) 829-6076 / email: lisas@uiwtx.edu
And don't forget... It's Daylight Saving time. Clocks "fall back" one hour.

...more to come in November

Intercollegiate ASSEMBLY (11/11, 11/12 - OLLU)

Second Sunday Mass at the CIW (11/13)

Catholic Reconciliation Service (11/16)

Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service (11/21)

Monthly Memorial Mass - November (11/27)

December

Last Sunday evening Mass for the semester (12/4)

Sometime Singers-Player rehearsal for Baccalaureate Mass (12/6-8)

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (12/8)

Fall Baccalaureate Mass (12/9)

Christmas Eve Mass (12/24)



Liturgical Ministries

We have many ways you can become involved in the worship life of our university community: Altar Servers, Environment Team, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Lector (Reader), Music Minister, and St. Isidore Virtual Ministry. Learn more about any of our ministries here. Students, faculty, staff, administrators, Incarnate Word Sisters, alumni, and community members -- both seasoned and new -- are always welcome to participate! Students, volunteering in any of our ministries is also an opportunity to earn service-hours.

Questions? Please contact Lena or Carmen at ministry@uiwtx.edu.



BREATHE Young Adult Ministries



A Young Adult Catholic ministry at UIW, Breathe Young Adult Ministries build a better community in which an individual can grow in relationship with Christ. We meet weekly on Wednesdays, alternating Community Night with Crux Men's Group and Fiat Women's Group.

All are welcome.

[Learn More](#)



Ecumenical and Interfaith



The University of the Incarnate Word is a Catholic institution that welcomes to its community persons of diverse backgrounds, in the belief that their respectful interaction advances the discovery of truth, mutual understanding, self-realization, and the common good.

(University Mission Statement) [Learn More](#)

You are invited to join Smiley Buddies!

Smiley Buddies is a "pen pal" program connecting UIW students with a Sister of Charity of the Incarnate Word. Participants will be asked to keep in contact with their assigned Sister on a weekly basis through letter, email, phone call, text message, Zoom meeting, or any other form of contact. Participants will also be required to meet monthly with their Sister in-person or virtually. Students may be eligible for service hours.

If you are interested or want more information, please contact UMM Graduate Assistant, Rozlyn Bermea at rbermea@student.uiwtx.edu.



Worship Schedule

Daily Mass in Our Lady's Chapel

Please join us for daily Mass Monday through Thursday at noon.

During the Fall semester, members of our UMM staff will be gathering on Mondays to pray for all the intentions submitted to us, including through our web- and Flocknote prayer portals. If you have intentions you would like remembered, you may submit requests via our webpage: <https://my.uiw.edu/ministry/prayer-requests.html>.



Sunday Mass during the Academic Year

- 11 a.m. (Central Time) in Our Lady's Chapel (OLC).
- 7 p.m. (Central Time) in Our Lady's Chapel (OLC).
 - Sunday evening Mass is celebrated during the Fall and Spring semesters except as noted. In-person only.
 - **NOTE:** There will be no evening Mass:
 - December 11, 2022 - January 8, 2023 (between semester break),
 - March 5, 2023 (Spring Break),
 - April 9, 2023 (Easter Sunday).
 - The last 7 p.m. Mass for the academic year will be April 30, 2023.
- Second Sundays @ 10:30 a.m. (Central Time) in the Chapel of the Incarnate Word (CIW).
 - In addition to the 11 a.m. Mass offered in Our Lady's Chapel, Mass is also celebrated each second Sunday at the Chapel of the Incarnate Word at 10:30 a.m. Learn more by visiting the [Chapel of the Incarnate Word](#) website.

Reconciliation


- By appointment with Fr. Hector Kalaluka, OMI (210) 829-3131 or Email: kalaluka@uiwtx.edu Office: AD 150.

Additionally, a Catholic reconciliation service (with individual confession) is celebrated in the Fall semester, just prior to the season of Advent, as well as in the Spring semester during the season of Lent.

See our [UMM Events Calendar](#) for more details.

Student Positions Available!

University Mission and Ministry currently has an open GA position (Media Ministry), several intern positions (Music Ministry, Ecumenical and Interfaith, and Faith Formation), as well as several work-study positions. All position descriptions and application information are available through the UIW Cardinal Talent app. Feel free to contact us through ministry@uiwtx.edu if you have questions. We'd love to talk to you!



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