

URI CATHOLIC CENTER NEWS

A NEW SEMESTER!

This past week, we welcomed our students back for the new semester. Many thanks to **Doug Carr** and **Judy Klopfenstein** for all their work during break to get the center cleaned, organized and prepped for the new semester. Our full schedule of regular activities at the Center resumes this week.



MISSION TRIP SUPPORT FUND

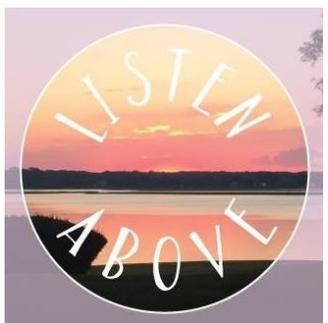
Many, many thanks to those who contributed to our Mission Trip Support Fund. As of the writing of this column, we have raised **\$11,833.00!** That's nearly \$2,000 over goal! Thank you! Your generosity will help students participate in mission trips to the Dominican Republic, Trinidad & Tobago and Haiti. In the coming days, students who are participating in those trips will receive disbursement letters notifying them of the amounts of their respective grants. Because of your generosity, **every student** from URI who is participating in one of these mission trips will receive aid. More on those trips as we approach Spring Break.

SUPER BOWL SUNDAY: NO 8PM MASS

Due to very low attendance last year, the 8pm Mass on Super Bowl Sunday (Feb 5) is **canceled**. Please spread the word. The only Masses that day will be the regular parish Masses at 8am, 9:15am and 11:30am.

SEEK 2017 RECAP

About **twenty students** from URI participated in a national youth gathering over winter break called SEEK, which was held in San Antonio. In the coming weeks, we'll hear more about their experiences and the ways in which those experiences will help our own campus ministry program continue to grow. Thanks to our FOCUS missionaries for helping to organize our participation in that great event.



LISTEN ABOVE

This past week, to kick off the semester, we welcomed at Christ the King the worship group from Saint Luke's in Barrington, "**Listen Above**," for a concert, open to all students and members of the wider community. Our own RCO member, sophomore **Emily Turtle**, along with **Kelly Caton**, former CTK staff member, were the lead vocalists. The group was directed by **David Lauria**. For more information on their music and the charitable work that benefits from all proceeds of their CD sales, please visit www.listenabove.com.

LOOKING AHEAD

At the halfway point in our fiscal year, it's time to review the budget again carefully and consider long-term issues like asset protection and capital improvements. Admittedly, we've done a great job at raising interest and financial aid for our mission program, but we haven't been as effective in developing a support system for our infrastructure. As we move forward, we need to continue to examine our priorities and make sure that we are doing everything possible to ensure the continuation of the whole complement of our programming and the ongoing maintenance of our facility. More on that in the coming weeks! Until then, thanks again for your support, encouragement and enthusiasm for our ministry! **-Fr. Joe**