

# URI CATHOLIC CENTER NEWS

## SIGHTS OF THE SEASON

We marked the beginning of our Christmas festivities at the Catholic Center at our Rhody Catholic Event a few weeks ago. After Mass and a hearty dinner of shepherd's pie, students decorated Christmas cookies and of course, the Christmas tree! It was a great night. Thanks to all who came and all who helped in any way.

## SEEK 2017

Did you know that around twenty students from URI will be attending a conference in San Antonio in January called SEEK? They will gather together with thousands of other college students from across the country to hear dynamic speakers and amazing bands, to network and socialize, and most importantly to pray together and learn together how best to put their faith into practice. I am so pleased that such a large number of our students will be participating in this exciting opportunity to deepen their faith.

## THANK YOU

Our campus has been so generously served this semester by our FOCUS team: Maria McDonough (Team Director), Lauren Lagassie, Eric Martinez and Drew Donovan. I was happy that they were able to get a few days of planning and prayer off campus last week. We are so blessed by their selfless service and their zeal! We will welcome all four of our missionaries back for the Spring semester.

## A FEW PRACTICAL NOTES

It's hard to believe that we're approaching the end of the semester so quickly! The last day of classes is tomorrow, December 12! As the semester winds down, the activities at the Center will also wind down. Please be advised in advance that, aside from the 12nn Mass on weekdays, **the building will be closed for winter break on Thursday, December 22. The Center will remain closed for routine maintenance until Monday, January 23.**

Please also note that while the 8pm Sunday Mass at Christ the King will continue through break, these Masses will be simpler, in that there will be no music and no student ministers present (their last Mass for the semester will be on tonight, December 11). Our student musicians and other liturgical ministers will resume their duties at the 8pm Mass on Sunday, January 22. **Please also note that there will NOT be an 8pm Mass on Christmas Day or on New Year's Day.**

Thanks again for your support and your encouragement. **-Fr. Joe**

PS - Only **\$1983.47** to go until we reach the goal for our 2017 Mission Trip Support Fund! Thank you!

## MISSION TRIP SUPPORT FUND 2017



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