

Mission Trip Support Fund

I'm delighted to report that we are getting closer and closer to our goal of \$10,000. **We've now reached \$7,891.53!** Only \$2,108.47 to go! Many, many thanks to all those who have contributed thus far. We are truly blessed by the generosity of so many from our parish family who have supported us and are so committed to our mission trip program. There is still time to contribute! Please make checks payable to "Campus Ministry—URI" and indicate "Mission Trip Support" in the memo line. Mail to: URI Catholic Center, 90 Chapel Way, Kingston, RI 02881. Thank you!

Special Collection for the Catholic Center

A few weeks ago, the parish generously sponsored a second collection for the support of the Catholic Center during our 50th anniversary year which raised **over \$4,000!** Many thanks to all those who contributed to that special collection and many thanks again to all who have helped us commemorate our fiftieth anniversary year. Here's to another fifty!

Programming and Ministry Updates

- A number of students have either committed to or are still inquiring about the process of **completing their sacramental initiation** at a special 8pm liturgy in the Spring. More on that next semester! In the meantime, please keep them in your prayers.
- Our **Rhody Catholic "Friendsgiving"** was a huge success (see photos below). Great numbers, great food and great conversation marked the event on the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Many thanks to all who helped with setup and cleanup, and many thanks to all who baked or brought sides!
- The Catholic Center was well-represented in intramural sports this semester! Students formed a **Rhody Catholic team** and participated in **intramural soccer**, competing with other teams from across campus. Thanks to all those who participated!
- This past week, the **Christmas tree** went up at the Center and was decorated at our Rhody Catholic Event on Wednesday evening. Now we're looking ahead to our **Christmas party**, our **trip to LaSalette Shrine**, the conclusion of our **clothing drive**, and our **Christmas service event**, all before the end of the semester!
- Many thanks to the parishioners who have assisted with our programming or have provided donations of items for the use of the Center. This past semester alone, we welcomed the donation of a new **ping-pong table**, a few **air-hockey tables**, a **pool table**, and most recently a **large television** for the library. Many thanks to all who provided those items and those who continue to assist with various odds and ends, especially keeping the planters around the building refreshed for the seasons!

-Fr. Joe

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