

URI CATHOLIC CENTER NEWS

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! On behalf of the students and staff of the Catholic Center, may you have a blessed Easter! Below are a few important announcements. Please keep us in your prayers as we begin the approach to the end of the semester! It's hard to believe that there's only a few weeks of classes left! As always, thank you for your support, encouragement and prayers! -Fr. Joe

NEW STAFF MEMBER

I announced a few weeks back that our Associate Director, **Judy Klopfenstein**, would be retiring from her position in May after nearly ten years of service at the Catholic Center. We will be forever indebted to Judy for the positive impact she had on our program and on countless students' lives.

Judy's departure provided for us an occasion to consider the possibility of staff restructuring. Judy wore many hats, but she was primarily occupied with administrative responsibilities. I had hoped that we would be able to hire a person who would help bear the responsibility of ministry to the students, while the administrative tasks might be divided more evenly among other members of our staff, and even among some volunteers. As providence would have it, I didn't realize that my hope would materialize as quickly into reality as it did!

I am delighted to announce that next year, **Liz Cotrupi Pfunder** will serve on our staff as part-time campus minister! She has extensive experience in youth and campus ministry, as well as music ministry, and is a nationally known youth speaker and conference presenter. That she accepted the call to serve here at URI is truly a blessing for us! Her bio is below. Liz will begin with us in the Fall.

Judy and I are also working with a group of volunteers who will assume some light administrative tasks and help keep the office staffed. **We are looking for additional helpers!** If you might be willing to cover a morning slot (9am-12nn) or an afternoon slot (1pm-4pm), please call (874-2324) or email (fatherupton@gmail.com). Many hands make light work! And thanks to those who have already stepped forward to volunteer their time and talent.

The staff next year will look very different. We will have **new FOCUS missionaries** (although our Team Director, **Maria McDonough**, will thankfully be with us again next year), a **new campus minister**, and a **new team of volunteers**. It will be exciting! I know that God has great things in store for us! And many thanks to our director of facilities, **Doug Carr**, who continues to do such great work for us. We would be lost without him!



Liz Cotrupi Pfunder is a Catholic speaker and musician who travels nationally to spread the love of Christ. Having worked as both a college campus minister and parish youth minister, Liz has spent the last ten years helping thousands of teens, young adults, and parents come alive in faith. With a Master's Degree in theology, and music from her album "Unglued," Liz strives to share God's love through both word and song. She and her husband Bob currently live in Providence, RI, and both share a passion for ministry. They have a daughter, Gracie-Anne, and feel beyond blessed!

SACRAMENTAL INITIATION

The Easter Season belongs in a special way to those who are completing their Sacramental Initiation. At next weekend's 8pm Student Liturgy, the following URI students will be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation: **Chelsea Andrade**, **Kendra Michaud** and **Alec Sheran**. Please keep them in your prayers as they approach this very special milestone in their lives of faith.

NO 8PM MASS TONIGHT

Help spread the word! There is **no 8pm Student Mass** tonight, Easter Sunday! Happy Easter!