



Chaplain's Reflection

This past week saw the last of the final exams for the students at URI. Now comes preparation for graduation! I was honored to be asked to give the dedication at this year's Commencement, which will be held the weekend of May 20-21. Please keep our graduating seniors in your prayers as they embark on the next stage of their journeys.

What a semester it has been! We have had to bid farewell to two of our FOCUS missionaries, **Lauren Lagassie** and **Drew Donovan**, who are being called to serve at other campuses. Our FOCUS team director, **Maria McDonough**, will return for another year at URI, along with three new, yet-to-be-determined team members. We will soon be saying goodbye to **Judy Klopfenstein**. (Her last day with us is Friday, May 26. All are welcome to join us for the noon Mass on that day and a potluck luncheon afterward. Email me if you plan on attending: fatherupton@gmail.com.) We'll be welcoming a **team of volunteers** who will help keep our office staffed. And we will be preparing to welcome our new campus minister, **Liz Cotrupi-Pfunder**, in the Fall!

It's hard to believe that I'm now wrapping up my second year at the Catholic Center and Christ the King. I had the pleasure of presenting a report at our open parish council meeting last Sunday. As I said then, I am so grateful for the generosity of our parish community in supporting our mission and ministry. And I am looking forward to more collaboration with the parish throughout the coming year!

A few practical notes to keep in mind:

- ⇒ **Our last 8pm Mass** will be next Sunday, May 21. Please help us spread the word! The 8pm will resume the Sunday after Labor Day.
- ⇒ The **noon Mass** will move to the church on June 1. The daily Mass will be held there throughout June, July and August.
- ⇒ **Summer hours** for the Catholic Center begin tomorrow, May 15 (Mon-Fri, 10am-5pm, Closed Sat and Sun).

Thank you again for your support and your encouragement!

-Fr. Joe