



Chaplain's Reflection

-The semester is well underway and things have been busy at the Catholic Center! The summer saw the completion of some necessary electrical work around the Center; the weeding, pruning and mulching of all the beds around the building; the addition of identifying banners for all pole lights around the property; and necessary painting and cleaning.

-Many thanks to **Joe Klopfenstein** for helping us acquire a sorely needed fire door for our boiler room and thanks to **Doug Carr** for helping him install it. Local craftsman **Peter Spaine** created a stunning new crucifix for our chapel, and repaired and restored our statues of Mary and Jesus. **Paula Rampone** carefully tended our planters all summer. **Jean Gentile** and **Corinne Pezzelli**, two of our new office volunteers, kept the bills paid and phone calls returned throughout the summer. And a special thanks to **Doug Carr** for keeping the building clean, safe and welcoming year round! Thanks to one and all!

-We hosted a few successful events during Welcome Week, including our popular First Scoop. Many thanks to **Brickley's** for donating the ice cream! Our **student executive board** participated in a retreat day with the staff to help set the tone for the new year and they have hit the ground running.

-In the Spring, I introduced you to our new campus minister, **Liz Cotrupi Pfunder**, who has already enhanced our program so immensely. I'd like today to introduce you to our new FOCUS missionaries. (And thanks to **Joan and Julio Maggiacomo** and **Kay and Paul Bueno De Mesquita** for hosting them at the start of the semester!)

- ◆ **Megan Vantslot** (far left): "I am a 1st-year FOCUS Missionary from the great state of New Jersey and just this past May I graduated from The College of New Jersey. I am so excited that I get to serve at URI and walk with the students in faith as they embark on their crazy college journey."
- ◆ **Anjelo Rocero** (second from right): "I am a first year missionary with FOCUS. I'm a recent graduate from Temple University in Philadelphia. I graduated with a degree in Neuroscience and Psychology. You can find me at a local coffee shop drinking a cold brew or on campus talking to students about Jesus. Some of my favorite activities are to go on bike rides, hiking and sharing a meal! If you know any great places to eat, hit me up!"
- ◆ **Nick Maille** (far right): "I'm a second year missionary originally from Shelburne, Vermont. You'll typically find me hanging out on the quad playing spikeball, going out on adventures, or enjoying a good bonfire. I love cheering my New England sports teams and I am a huge history guy. In the winter, I love hitting the slopes and playing hockey."

