

“Illumination for a New Generation”

Stained Glass Window Project Undertaken by the Friends of the Catholic Center at URI



Sacred Heart Window

Jesus is pictured here as he appeared to Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque in the seventeenth century in France. During that apparition, which led to worldwide devotion to his Sacred Heart, he said to Saint Margaret Mary: “Behold the heart which loves so much, yet is loved so little in return.” This window reminds all who look upon it that our God has a heart that beats out of love for his people. Jesus’ hand, raised in blessing, reminds us of the endless stream of grace which is poured out to us through his Sacred Heart. **Jesus, meek and humble of heart, make our hearts like unto thine!**



Immaculate Conception Window

The Blessed Mother is pictured in this window under her title, “The Immaculate Conception.” She is shown standing on the serpent, a reference to the very beginnings of the human family and the promise that the offspring of the New Eve would crush the head of the serpent who was instrumental in the downfall of our first parents. We believe that Mary was conceived in the womb of her mother, Saint Anne, without the stain of original sin. She is pictured in this window as the radiant New Eve, the mother of all those reborn in God’s grace. Also pictured is a crown of twelve stars, a reference to woman portrayed in the Book of Revelation whose offspring engages in battle with and defeats the great dragon. **O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee!**



Saint James the Apostle Window

Saint James the Greater is one of two apostles named James (he is distinguished from Saint James the Less). Saint James was the brother of the Apostle John and one of the close companions of Jesus. Peter, James and John often accompanied Jesus even where the other apostles were not present. For example, Saint James was one of the witnesses of the Transfiguration of Jesus on Mount Tabor. His remains are enshrined to this day in Compostela, Spain, which is the ultimate destination of those who participate in the famous Camino. Saint James is pictured here with the pilgrim's staff and satchel. **O glorious apostle Saint James, obtain for us strength and consolation in the warfare of this life!**



Saint Jude the Apostle Window

Known as the “Saint of Impossible Cases,” Saint Jude Thaddeus has long been venerated as a special intercessor in times of particular difficulty. More than few students have invoked the intercession of Saint Jude during a particularly difficult semester! Tradition tells us that after the death and resurrection of Jesus, Saint Jude traveled throughout Mesopotamia, Libya, and Persia with Saint Simon preaching and building up the foundations of the early Church. Saint Jude died a martyr's death for his unwavering faith. His body was later brought to Rome and placed in a crypt under Saint Peter's Basilica. In a vision, Christ told Saint Bridget, “In accordance with his surname, Thaddeus, the amiable or loving, Jude will show himself most willing to give help.” **Most holy Apostle, Saint Jude, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, intercede for us in every difficulty!**



Saint Francis of Assisi Window

Saint Francis is one of the saints who likely needs very little introduction. Known as the “Poverello,” or, the Little Poor Man of Assisi, Saint Francis shed a life of privilege and frivolity to serve Christ in the poorest of the poor. Since Pope Francis honored him by taking his name at the beginning of his historic pontificate, Saint Francis has yet again become a model for Gospel joy and simplicity of life. He is pictured in this window holding a small bird, an indication of his great love for God’s creation. At his feet lie a skull and cross, reminders of his sobering reflections on death that culminated in Christian hope for resurrection. Pictured in this window is also the “Wolf of Gubbio,” who, as the legend goes, was terrorizing the inhabitants of the small Italian village until Saint Francis tamed him. **O beloved Saint Francis, gentle and poor, may your prayers on our behalf be heard and may God grant us the grace to lead good and faithful lives!**



Saint Anthony of Padua Window

Perhaps second only to Saint Francis himself, Saint Anthony is among the most well-known Franciscan saints. Deeply moved as he was praying before the relics of five Franciscan friars who were martyred for preaching the Gospel in Morocco, Anthony resolved to become a Franciscan himself. He became known far and wide for his deep piety and his gift for preaching. In this window, Saint Anthony is pictured holding the Christ-Child. It is said that on one occasion, while praying intently with the scriptures, the Christ-Child appeared to Saint Anthony in place of the bible itself to remind him that the Word of God he was so intently studying had become flesh for our salvation. Also pictured is a lily, a symbol of Saint Anthony’s purity. **Gentle and loving Saint Anthony, take my petition to the Infant Savior for whom you have such a great love, and the gratitude of my heart will ever be yours!**



Saint Dominic Window

Saint Dominic de Guzman—as equally important in the life of the Church in the thirteenth century as Saint Francis—was the founder of the Order of Friars Preachers, commonly known as the Dominicans. His dismay at the spread of doctrinal errors led him to establish an order of preaching friars who would be rich in their knowledge of the faith, but poor in their lifestyle. Saint Dominic is pictured here with a dog holding a torch in its mouth, a reference to a dream which foretold his birth, during which a dog leapt forth into the world and set it ablaze with the truth of the gospel. Saint Dominic remains an important intercessor for our times, especially for college students, as he reminds us that the knowledge of sacred truth is the only knowledge that saves. **O light of the Church, teacher of truth, rose of patience, ivory of chastity, you freely poured forth the waters of wisdom. Preacher of grace, unite us with the blessed!**



Saint Albert the Great Window

Following the example of the founder of his Order, Saint Albert the Great, a Dominican bishop and scholar, saw no conflict between his love of God and his love of the natural sciences. Hence, he is pictured here with a book and quill. At Cologne, it was Saint Albert who instructed a young, taciturn friar who would come to be known as Saint Thomas Aquinas. Saint Albert, now honored as a Doctor of the Church, stands as a testament to the harmony between faith and reason, a truth which is under great assault in our culture today, especially on university campuses. **Glorious St Albert, through your intercession, may modern science and technology be used responsibly and ethically in the service of life, justice and peace!**