



URI Catholic Center Update



The new semester is upon us! Students returned this past week to quite a big change in our Catholic Center Chapel. Almost a year ago, a donor came forward to express interest in initiating a stained glass window project for the chapel. This project was near and dear to the donor's heart, as her father—who had recently passed away—worked with his brother to rebuild their parish church in Italy after it was damaged during World War II. A small committee, *"The Friends of the URI Catholic Center,"* worked on gathering additional donations and funding the entire project themselves. Stained glass windows from a church that had been demolished just outside of Philadelphia were restored and retrofitted for use in our chapel. Providentially, these windows were installed in the church in Philly in 1966, the same year that the Catholic Center was built. And they fit our existing window frames almost to the inch! Hareld Glass in Warwick was contracted to replace the dated, textured, amber panes in the chapel with clear, double-paned, energy-efficient glass. Beyer Studio in Philadelphia restored the stained glass, fabricated new panels for the upper ventilators, and completed the installation a few weeks back. I am still in awe of how smoothly the entire process went, despite a few delays. And I am incredibly grateful to the donors and to the committee for their generosity and hard work in seeing this project through to completion. Please stop by the Catholic Center (preferably on a sunny day!) to see the windows, which are truly breathtaking. And feel free to read more about the project or to view our online photo album at rhodycatholic.com. More updates on regular programming next week!

-Fr. Joe

PS—Please be advised that the 8pm University Liturgy will **NOT** be held next Sunday (Super Bowl Sunday), February 4.