



## URI Catholic Center Update

**The Spring semester is in full swing!** Two weeks back, we held our first Rhody Catholic Event of the semester. One of our FOCUS missionaries, **Nick Maille**, gave an excellent talk on trusting in God's plan for us without being overcome by worry or anxiety. He focused on the moving passage from the prophet Jeremiah: *"For I know the plans I have for you, for good and not for woe, plans to give you a future full of hope"* (see Jer 29). It was a great reminder for the start of a new semester. Thanks, Nick.

Over January break, a number of our URI students participated in the **Student Leadership Summit** sponsored by FOCUS and held in Chicago. They gathered together with thousands of other young people from around the country to consider the theme *"Deeper in Christ, Deeper in Mission."* This past Wednesday at our Rhody Catholic Event, those who participated shared their experiences with the rest of the community. We hope to see many of the things they learned implemented here at the Catholic Center in the future.

Last Saturday, a number of our students and staff joined other college students from the Northeast for a visit to the **Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist** in Meriden, Connecticut. They baked bread, made jam, did other activities and learned more about religious life. It was a great day and we look forward to welcoming the Sisters here to the Catholic Center in the near future.

**Remember that the 8pm Mass will NOT be held tonight.** Our community will attend Mass in the morning and will be gathering for a Super Bowl Party at the Catholic Center.

We're looking ahead now to **men's and women's events** on Friday, as well as a **new series** that I will be leading for students on Sunday nights, and a Lenten series called **"Relationship Restart."** Lots of exciting things are happening here! More details next week!

*Fr. Joe*

PS—If you haven't already done so, please stop by to see the new windows in the chapel!