Parent E-Newsletter
A Message from University Ministry

University Ministry supports students in their religious and spiritual development and encourages them to participate in the campus community in ways that allow them to experience a strong sense of belonging as well as helping them discover who they are called to become. Students from all religious backgrounds, as well as those still searching for their religious identity, are invited to take part in all of our liturgies, programs, activities and services. University Ministry is a place to belong, believe and become.

Some upcoming UM programs include:

**Emmaus Faith Sharing Groups**
Each week, students come together in their residence halls to reflect prayerfully on where God is moving in their lives, build authentic relationships and develop a mature faith that engages the world. These groups are especially helpful for first year students as they work to expand their networks of USD friends and mentors. For more information, contact your Resident Minister or Andrew McMillin at mcmillin@sandiego.edu.

**Spirituality is Served**
Tuesday, October 7th, 5:30 p.m.
Salomon Hall
All students are welcome to our monthly community dinner. In addition to the free food and the chance to socialize with friends, the theme of the night will be the life and legacy of St. Francis. For more information, contact Michael Lovette-Colyer at mlovettecolyer@sandiego.edu.

**Silent Retreat**
Friday, October 10th – Sunday, October 12th
The Silent Retreat is a unique opportunity to escape the busyness and clutter of daily life in order to grow in relationship with God. It is the perfect way to seek a greater sense of meaning, to reflect on all that is occurring at USD, and to simply appreciate God’s love. The retreat is held at the Benedictine Monastery in Oceanside. For more information, contact Mark Peters at markp@sandiego.edu.

**Family Weekend and Homecoming Mass**
Sunday, October 12th 10:30 a.m.
Founders Chapel
Please join us for this very special USD tradition. It’s a wonderful opportunity for families to experience the campus faith community. All are welcome! For more information, contact Mary Kruer at kruerm@sandiego.edu.

**East Los Angeles Immersion Experience**
October 23rd – 26th
Students are invited to spend Fall Holiday in a way they will never forget: getting to know the community of Delores Mission and growing in the values of solidarity, simplicity, spirituality and social justice. For more information, contact Maria Gaughan at mariag@sandiego.edu.